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Dewey's Weak Vet Bill Goes To Legislature

By Mac Gordon
(Daily Worker Staff Correspondent)
ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Gov. Dewey's program for returning veterans was introduced tonight into the Legislature. The measure amends the unemployment insurance law to allow for maximum unemployment insurance to all returning veterans. This amounts to \$18 a week for 20 weeks. It applies only to those veterans who cannot get jobs and for the period of their unemployment.

The unemployment insurance law was amended two years ago to provide that workers who go into the Armed Forces are to remain eligible for benefits based on their earnings during the last year as a civilian. Thus, many of the discharged veterans are eligible for benefits without the change advocated by the Governor's office.

The Governor's program, therefore, makes no provision whatever for vets who get jobs and for those eligible for unemployment insurance anyway. In contrast to this, every returning vet who came from New York State during the last war got a state bonus, as well as a Federal grant. A bonus measure has been introduced into the Legislature by Assemblyman John P. Morrissey, Manhattan Democrat.

Two other program measures of the Governor were slated for passage by the Senate tonight. One would continue the 25 per cent emergency cut in the income tax for another year. The cut was instituted by the Lehman Administration, and continued from year to year. The second would give the State the authority to acquire highway rights-of-way, now acquired by the counties. This would relieve upstate counties of expenditures of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,000,000 a year.

The Governor announced today that he would conduct agency hearings on Feb. 2 for Louis Buchalter (Lepke) and his two pals for Murder, Inc., Mendy Weiss and Louis Capone. Lepke was recently handed over to the State by the Federal Government, which had sentenced him to a fourteen year term on a narcotics charge, with the provision that if he didn't burn, he was to be handed back to the Federal Government. Political foes of the President have admitted by inference that the Governor wants Lepke to implicate leading trade unionists in return for saving him from the chair.

Aussies Advance On Bogodjim

ADVANCED ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Jan. 24.—Rep. John Rankin, Jan. 25 (UP).—Australians driving against the coast of northern New Guinea from the Ramu Valley have captured the high point of Kankiryo Saddle, 20 miles due south of Bogodjim and are within sight of their objectives.

Rankin Sneaks Over a Fast One ---But in the Wrong Congress

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Rep. John Rankin, that master of the fine art of parliamentary skulduggery, was outsmarted today, and thwarted in a year-long attempt to get control of all veterans' legislation.

Credit for this little coup goes to Rep. Vito Marcantonio, American Laborite of New York. Rankin, chairman of the World War Veterans' Committee of the House, has long been engaged in a bitter jurisdictional fight with Rep.

Taft Stalls Action On Soldier Vote

By Adam Lapin
(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator Robert Taft, Republican defeatist from Ohio, assumed leadership of the forces in the Senate fighting to block or at the very least delay passage of the new Lucas-Green soldier vote bill.

And in the first test vote on Taft's strategy the entire Republican delegation in the Senate lined up behind its new leader.

Taft sponsored a motion to bring up the subsidy issue ahead of the soldier vote bill which was defeated by a 38 to 33 vote. Supporting Taft were 27 Republicans and six Democrats. Voting against Taft were 27 Democrats and one Wisconsin Progressive.

DELAYS ACTION
While Taft was defeated on this motion, his strategy of delay has won substantial success. It is clear now that Taft and his allies will be able to block a vote for several days by engaging in prolonged "discussion" of the constitutional aspects of the legislation.

Senator Theodore Green of Rhode Island, co-sponsor of the soldier vote bill, charged bluntly that any debate going beyond one or two days "indicates a filibuster." The purpose of the strategy of delay is to get a vote in the House on the Rankin state's rights bill before the Senate can take action.

This would bolster up the strong Republican-poll taxer alliance which is still going full blast in the House, and would confuse an already parliamentary situation. The House will probably get to the soldier vote issue late tomorrow afternoon.

In the Senate the poll tax group is split, and several Southern Senators voted against the Taft motion to delay action. The situation has thus been created where the overwhelming responsibility for any delay in passage of the soldier vote bill rests on the Republicans in both the House and the Senate.

GOP PARTISAN LINEUP
While the solid Republican vote for the Taft amendment is not necessarily typical of the final line-up, it does show at least that the Republican Senators were willing to be a party to obstructionist tactics. Taft himself has made something of a somersault. He voted against the Eastland bill several weeks ago, and it was thought then that he would have voted for the Green-Lucas bill. But in his remarks today opposing a Federal ballot for servicemen Taft maintained that he has been consistently opposed to Federal soldier vote machinery.

Although the main attack against the soldier vote now comes from the Republicans, eight poll tax Senators led by James O. Eastland of Mississippi have introduced an amendment which would nullify completely previous action by Congress setting aside state poll tax and registration requirements for servicemen. This amendment says that nothing done by the Congress shall be construed to violate, repeal, abrogate or amend any state law.

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Red Army Takes 2 Big Bases in North

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Soviet troops, crashing through crumbling German defenses on all sectors of the Leningrad Front, today cut the main Nazi escape railroad westward to Estonia and captured the powerful bastions of Pavlovsk and Pushkin, respectively 17 and 15 miles south of the heart of Russia's second city.

Moscow's broadcast war bulletin revealed that Gen. Leonid A. Govorov's right wing driving down west of Leningrad had cut the Krasnogvardeisk-Tallinn railroad west of the five-way Krasnogvardeisk junction, which is 25 miles southwest of Leningrad.

The Germans are now forced to fall back on Pskov, 160 miles southwest of Leningrad, for their next feeder point to the Leningrad Front over a 330-mile circuitous railroad route.

The bulletin, issued after Premier Joseph Stalin had revealed the capture of both Pushkin and Pavlovsk in an Order of the Day, said that the Soviets captured 40 other towns in today's fighting on the Leningrad front.

CLOSE IN ON TOSNO
To the east other Soviet forces reached one part of the 55-mile stretch of the main Moscow-Leningrad trunkline railroad still in German hands. Closing in on the junction of Tosno, 29 miles southeast of Leningrad, they took Sablino, a station on the main line seven miles northwest of Tosno. They also won the large locality of Ulanovka, 7½ miles northwest of Tosno, which Moscow said had been converted by the Germans into a "strong defense center."

On the Novgorod front 90 miles southeast of Leningrad Gen. Kiril A. Meretskov's Volkov river forces advanced west and southwest to take 14 towns. Among them was the rail station of Tryasovo, ten miles southwest of Novgorod on the railroad to Shlisselburg and Staraya Russa on the south shore of Lake Ilmen.

The bulletin also revealed a resumption of German counterattacks in the Vinnitsa area of the southwestern Ukraine where Gen. Nikolai P. Vatutin's first Ukrainian army had been driving toward Rumania and the Odessa-Waraw railroad. The Germans had lost a total of 11,000 men killed in five days of attacks in that area ending January 18.

"East of Vinnitsa our troops, repelling counter attacks by large tank and infantry forces, inflicted heavy losses in men and material on the enemy," Moscow said.

It reported that in all of Sunday's fighting a total of 46 German tanks were wrecked and 45 planes shot down.

The London radio reported that the Soviet battleship October Revolution was supporting Soviet landing groups along the gulf of Finland west of Leningrad.

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Press Directors
To Meet Wed.

The next meeting of the Daily Worker Advisory Council will take place tomorrow (Wednesday) evening, at Irving Plaza, Irving Plaza and 15th St.

John Williamson, member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, and its Organization Secretary, will speak on "The Meaning of the Proposal of the Communist Party to Change Its Name to American Communist Political Association."

Rebecca Grecht, Circulation Manager of the Daily Worker, will give a report on the results of the 20th Anniversary Circulation Drive and the present perspective for press circulation.

Yank Beachheads Flank Nazi Lines



With landing craft standing offshore these Yanks outflanked the Nazi lines south of Rome. The Fifth Army of which these troops are the advance guard is pushing its newly won beachheads inland.

U. S. Refuses to Recognize Bolivia; Assails Axis Ties

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—The State Department announced today that in view of actions of "subversive groups hostile to the Allied cause," this country will not recognize the new Bolivian government.

The Department said it based its decision on the fact that the "Bolivian Government was overthrown by force under circumstances linking this action with the subversive groups."

[So far, Venezuela, Uruguay, Cuba and Colombia have announced their decisions not to grant recognition to Bolivia. A United Press dispatch yesterday reported that the government of Panama would soon announce a similar decision.]

At the same time, a spokesman said that Pierre Boal, U. S. ambassador to Bolivia had been ordered home. The statement said the Department felt certain that the "freedom loving people of the American republics."

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 24 (UP).—The Brazilian government tonight officially announced that it would not recognize the Bolivian revolutionary junta.

publics, including those of Bolivia, will understand that the decision was taken in furtherance of hemispheric defense.

ECONOMIC ACTION
It is understood that further action, probably of an economic nature, will be taken against Bolivia. This might include freezing of Bolivian funds in this country and cutting off shipment of vital materials.

"This government has been aware that subversive groups hostile to the Allied cause have been plotting disturbances against the American governments operating in defense of the hemisphere against Axis aggression," the formal State Department statement said.

"On Dec. 20, 1943, the Bolivian government was overthrown by force under circumstances linking this action with the subversive groups above mentioned.

"The most important and urgent question arising from this development..."

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Hart Threatened to Hit Him At Council Parley, Rabbi Charges

By Harry Raymond

Dr. Asher Siev, leading Bronx rabbi, charged yesterday that Councilman Walter R. Hart, Brooklyn Democrat, insulted him and threatened to strike him when he came to City Hall a week ago with a group of rabbis to seek the aid of Bronx councilmen to convene a borough-wide non-sectarian conference to combat growing anti-Semitism.

According to Rabbi Siev, Councilman Hart, who is of Jewish faith himself, interrupted the City Hall conference of the rabbis and councilmen "with a vehement attack."

He said Hart "jumped on me and said I'm going to sock you!"

The incident took place following last week's Council session when the rabbis met with Councilwoman Klein, Bronx Laborite; Councilman Michael J. Quill, Laborite, and Councilman Louis Cohen, Democrat.

Mrs. Klein, Rabbi Siev declared, "was very sympathetic and expressed a willingness to cooperate in every way."

"Afterwards," the rabbi continued, the group "met with Councilman Quill and Cohen. Councilman Quill suggested that Borough President Lyons be called upon to approach representatives of all religions, civic and labor organizations in the borough of the Bronx for the purpose of convening a borough-wide conference to fight existing evils of anti-Jewish outbreaks."

"Councilman Cohen objected to this, emphasizing that Borough President Lyons is merely a political leader and therefore not the proper person to call such a gathering."

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Nazis in South Drive Yanks Across Rapido

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Algiers, Jan. 24 (UP).—Reinforced by tanks and artillery, Allied seaborne forces have smashed four miles inland and begun shelling the Apennine Way in swift expansion of their new offensive at Rome's doorstep with still no signs of the fully expected German counterattack, it was announced today.

The Nazis already had counterattacked violently on the lower Italian front which had been detoured in Saturday's bold sea-flanking operation and with powerful blows drove American troops back across the Rapido River from their bridgehead below Cassino. Only by a heroic stand with bayonets after they ran out of bullets enabled the Americans to withdraw across the stream intact.

The next 24 hours, a military commentator said, could be decisive to the outcome of the outflanking movement, and Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, warned that the Germans were probably preparing counter-attacks which might touch off another bloody Salerno.

The landing forces captured the small but intact port of Nettuno, 31 miles south of Rome, and probably the nearby harbor of Anzio as well, in the first hours of their assault, it was stated officially. Driving on four miles inland northeast of Nettuno, American troops brought the Apennine railroad and highway under fire at Cisterno di Littoria, approaching within eight miles of that town.

COUNTER-ATTACKS

Wilson, tempering an otherwise optimistic picture of the situation with a grim warning of Nazi counter-blows, hinted in a press conference at advanced force headquarters, that new and spectacular developments in the Allied drive on Rome could be expected.

Front dispatches revealed belatedly that Allied warships had delivered heavy bombardments on the port of Civitavecchia, 37 miles northwest of Rome, prior to the landings.

It was learned that in the Nettuno operations the Allies went ashore on one of the two good days of the week which can be expected in January. Today, heavy clouds were reported blanketing the invasion area, protecting the ships from further German air attacks.

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Hit French Coast, German Targets

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Strong formations of American Flying Fortresses and Liberators, thundering across Germany in their seventh major operation of the year, hurled tons of high explosive and incendiary bombs on vital industrial targets in the western Reich today as hundreds of other Allied warplanes pounded to huble military objectives on the French invasion coast.

The targets were not immediately identified by the U. S. 8th Air Force but, indicating the big four-motored American bombers may have stabbed deep into the heart of Germany, an announcement said they were escorted by U. S. Thunderbolt, Lightning and long-range Mustang fighters and by RAF and other Allied spitfires.

Hundreds of American and British medium and fighter bombers crossed and recrossed the Channel in what pilots now have dubbed the "suburban run," spreading ruin and devastation among the mystery targets along the French coast.

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Maneuver in Italy, At Last

By a Veteran Commander

On the War Fronts

AFTER months of frontal hammering in Italy, Allied troops have landed in the rear of the German lines ("First Winter," "Second Winter," "Gustav," "Hitler," etc.) on the west coast, some thirty or less miles southwest of Rome. The landings are multiple and no details have been released as yet, except that the operations so far have developed without any enemy opposition to speak of. This is what puzzles many people.

German counteraction should have developed normally a few hours after the landing occurred. But we don't think so. Allied troops have landed on flat land. To the left is the barrier of the Tiber, to the right—the Pontine Marshes. About 15 miles inland from the beachheads are hills and mountains, along which stretches the Appian Way.

It might be the Germans' idea to let Allied troops land in this "box" and then counter-attack from the high ground. Another reason for this German lack of activity so far might be their desire to bring the battle to the area of Rome and thus place the Allies in the uncomfortable position of being forced to shell the Holy City.

It always seemed to us that the real German "Winter Line"—if such a thing exists—stretches somewhere from the mouth of the Tiber, to Rome, Avezzano and Pescara. The Germans are reported to be counter-attacking fiercely on that "Gustav Line," in front of Cassino and have pushed the American troops back across the Rapido (accent on the first syllable, please). As to the "trap" in which the Germans are supposed to be southeast of the new Allied beachhead, we frankly fail to see it. There are plenty of escape roads to the northwest and only a fast Allied advance of better than 30 miles from the new beachheads would create the makings of such a trap. Such an advance is hard to expect. So far little has been radically changed on the Italian front.

OUR strategist-friends in the papers are shouting their heads off about "quarter-million" and "half-million" of Germans in "traps" on the Eastern Front, too. This is not the case, either. The German positions on the Leningrad Front are cracking. The not too distant liberation of the Moscow-Leningrad trunk line will create prerequisites for a hard blow both at the Germans and at the Finns. The Germans are on their way to losing the entire Baltic place d'armes, but there is no trap yet and they can escape, although they will be unable to take their heavy equipment with them. Not until Krasnogvardeisk and Luga are captured by the Red Army, should there be any talk about "traps."

In the Pripiet Marshes, General Rokossovsky's left flank (or is it Vatutin's extreme right flank?) has advanced deeply into the Marshes to capture Lelchitzky which is less than 30 miles from the junction of Starushki. A corresponding advance may be expected north of the Marshes, across the railroad from Starushki to Bobruisk.

IN WESTERN BOSNIA, Marshal Tito's Army of Liberation has annihilated a German column (presumably the one that was reported trapped in a valley a few days ago). A bloody street battle is going on for possession of the mountain town of Tuzla. Both in Croatia and Herzegovina the Partisans are having success. Two days ago it was reported that Tito's men had destroyed a 150-mile stretch of the Zagreb-Split railway. The latest German offensive in Yugoslavia appears to be fizzling, even if King Peter's government-in-exile does not think so.

Slav Congress Hails Tehran, Backs FDR

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 24.—The meeting of the enlarged National Committee of the American Slav Congress held at the William Penn Hotel concluded by declaring unanimously for all-out support to the Tehran agreement and to the leadership of President Roosevelt. Reports of officers and more than fifty delegates said that the main issues facing America was full mobilization for the coming invasion and backing President Roosevelt's leadership in carrying out the decisions reached at Tehran by the Big Three of the United Nations.

The meeting was marked by a great many eloquent and enlightening speeches on the meaning of Tehran. The enlarged National Committee adopted a fighting program of action to implement its objectives. It wound up with a bang with a call for a second National American Slav Congress. All this represents the first step toward lining up fifteen million American Slavs for the critical battles of 1944.

A number of speakers condemned those Slav leaders who are exploiting European problems for disuniting loyal Americans of Slav origin and for lining up with the rightist reaction in American political life, particularly in their attacks on President Roosevelt. The Slav Congress National Committee adopted a resolution categorically rejecting and repudiating reactionary efforts to split the All-Slav movement away from Roosevelt and Tehran.

Reactionary Republicans and propagandists had been hoping to create a split in the Congress. They tried to discredit it especially by directing their attacks against the splendid work of the United Committee of South Slavic Americans headed by Louis Adamic. In a message to the meeting the famous writer of Slovene descent answered these attacks.

"I believe this is the time for clarity and definiteness in most things," wrote Adamic in his greeting to Leo Krzycki, president of the American Slav Congress.

"We Americans of Polish and Yugoslav origin and descent who are at the progressive and democratic

Gracanica Taken In Sudden Attack By Tito's Army

LONDON, Jan. 24 (UP).—Yugoslav Partisans captured the town of Gracanica and cut the northwestern rail route for German reinforcements bound for the battle-torn rail terminus of Tuzla in eastern Bosnia, a Partisan communiqué said today. Other units jabbed suddenly toward Susak, just outside Fiume, in coastal territory which the Germans have announced as "pacified."

Sallying suddenly from bases in the Majevica mountains east of Tuzla, the Partisans swept through Gracanica, about 22 miles northwest of Tuzla, and cut the railroad between Tuzla and Doboj, west of Gracanica. A Partisan communiqué broadcast by the Free Yugoslav radio of Marshal Josip (Tito) Broz said the Partisans had "destroyed" the railway.

Yugoslav sources here said this Partisan force was believed to have swung southward then to reinforce their units besieging the Germans in Tuzla, where bitter fighting raged and the Germans were offering "stubborn resistance."

The Partisans, striking at a vital communications area in which German troops and supplies are shuttled between Italy and the Balkans, were carrying out "successful operations" in the direction of Susak, coastal town just outside of the important port of Fiume. They derailed a military train near Susak and captured huge quantities of food and ammunition.

Field Marshal Maximilian von Weichs' troops were making every effort to break up Partisan columns in the Croat Coastal area, where they have spent considerable time and manpower to drive out all patriot resistance in order that the coast may be sealed against an Allied invasion attempt.

Suffering heavy losses, the Germans were trying to break through toward Senj, 34 miles southeast of Fiume, for the neighborhood of Otocac, about 19 miles southeast of Senj. The Partisans said heavy fighting was taking place in this sector and to the southeast, in Western Bosnia, where the fighting was centered around Mirkojevo.

AYD Scores Child Curfew

The proposal to establish a 9 P. M. curfew in the city for all children 15 years of age and younger, and an 11 P. M. curfew for those under 18 years of age, advanced by the recently organized Committee for Physical and Moral Welfare of Children, to combat juvenile delinquency, was denounced today by the New York State American Youth for Democracy as dangerous and harmful.

"This proposal evades completely the real issue, which is to provide the facilities and opportunity for all young people to spend their leisure hours in constructive activity. Instead, it places the responsibility for increasing juvenile delinquency on young people themselves and only adds to confusion in the adoption of a constructive program."

"We are writing a letter to all members of the City Council and all interested social agencies, setting forth in more detail the reasons for our opposition to this measure. We have discussed this with young people themselves and with civic leaders, and know that it will not receive real support in our city."

"It seems to us that this committee, which we understand is an outgrowth of the Police Precinct Council now being established under the leadership of the Juvenile Aid Bureau to advance constructive proposals to combat juvenile delinquency, has only negated the very purpose for its establishment."

Ramirez Shuts Labor University

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 24 (ALN).—The Argentine Workers' University, situated for many years in Buenos Aires, was closed by the government last Dec. 27, it was learned here this week.

While no official explanation has been given by the government, the action preceded by four days a decree banning all political parties and another abolishing Argentina's traditional free press.

The university, in which more than 1,000 students were enrolled, was well known for its wide variety of courses, and extensive laboratories and workshops. The only school not receiving official subsidies, a sum of \$45,000 was raised annually by interested societies to keep the school going.

Army Depot Razed

DETROIT, Jan. 24 (UP).—Two storage buildings of the Fort Wayne Army Ordnance Depot were destroyed by fire early today and a third was damaged.

Notes on Soviet People at War

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW. When the Red Army entered Petrohoff, writes a Red Star correspondent, the city was ablaze with fires. During the day, the Germans began setting fire to the surviving palaces and buildings. Flames rose over the big Montplaisir Palace, an ancient cathedral, which had been converted by the Germans into an outhouse.

Peterhoff, the gem of Russian architecture was the pride of the Russian people. It was a monument to Russia's military glory, marking Peter the First's victory at Poltava.

In connection with the putting into operation of the 6th blast furnace in Magnitogorsk, Premier Stalin sent the following letter to the leaders of the Magnitogorsk steel mills.

"I ardently greet and congratulate the builders and metal workers of Magnitogorsk on their great production victory. In an unprecedented brief time under difficult wartime conditions, Magnitogorsk workers have put the biggest blast furnace into operation."

Partisans Cut Nazi-Held Rail Line to Tuzla

MOSCOW, Jan. 24 (ICN).—A group of emaciated people are fusing near a stack of logs. A heavy log rolls down. A scream is heard as a young girl laborer is pinned under the log. Comrades hasten to her aid. A guard pulls his trigger. A shot rings out. "Rush, get back!"

Underneath the log, the girl is moaning and her fingers are convulsively clutching the ground. Tears are streaming down her cheeks. The prisoners are looking in the opposite direction.

One more has been killed today! Night descends. The guards drive the people back to their barracks. The body of the girl remains under the log.

The camp commandant, Mikas, sees to it that the prisoners are beaten so as to inflict the greatest possible number of wounds on them. The injured people are wrapped in sheets.

The Finns are taking apart the wooden buildings and are shipping them out. None but the police and soldiers are in Petrozavodsk's streets. Russians are strictly forbidden to appear in the center of the city.

Petrozavodsk has now less than half of its former population. Almost all of the Soviet citizens who have been brought here from districts which are temporarily occupied by the Finns live in barracks on the outskirts of the town, fenced off with barbed wire.

There are six concentration camps in the city with unbearable slave labor, hunger and tortures, in which the Finnish executioners are trying to surpass the Germans.

The enemy has renamed Petrozavodsk "Aanislanna," which means "the castle on the Onega." Indeed, it is a castle of Finnish slave labor.

The Red Army man, Krivulin, who had been taken prisoner, had his left eye gouged and his carotid artery opened by the Finns. Lieutenant Rekolajev, who was taken prisoner, admitted that "unless there were special orders to bring the prisoner to headquarters he was questioned on the spot and killed."

Tortures are employed in questioning rural and urban inhabitants. Flogging has been legalized in all the occupied villages. People are hanged and shot without a trial. The Russian language has been outlawed from the schools. Seated behind desks are frightened and emaciated children.

There is nothing to eat, for the harvest has been confiscated. Children are beaten on every pretext.

A young lad in an internment camp worked on a forest clearing. When he dropped from exhaustion, the guard Tiegan beat him. A soldier kicked the boy with his boots and when he turned the boy's face upward, he was already dead.

After seizing Karelian villages the Finns confiscated all the collective farm property, seed, cattle and agricultural implements.

Recently, a new extortionist order has been announced in the occupied countryside. Every peasant is obliged to purchase a hectare of land, paying 2,000 marks to a Finnish bank. If this is not done they are sent to internment and concentration camps. Naturally none of the peasants had 2,000 marks and four barges have already sailed from the Onega region to Finland with deportees aboard.

Finland, which had linked her fate with Hitler Germany, is standing on the edge of a precipice. The hour of reckoning is nigh.

Reveals Ramirez Repression in Argentine Schools

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 24.—Vividly descriptive of the Argentine students' struggle against the fascist Ramirez regime, is the following letter written by an Argentine student to the editor of the Montevideo newspaper, *Pueblo Argentino*:

Dear Editor: I wish to give you some information about the students' struggle in Argentina. The boys are working heroically; I assure you that it takes civic courage and a patriotic conscience to carry on with so much success a university students' strike.

Our strike does not consist only in resisting in a passive way the clerical-fascist dictatorship of Martinez Zuviria, but also to struggle actively against the brutalities of the fascist intervention of Admiral Sicauso. The police daily beat the students, raid their homes, steal their papers, books and small possessions and corral them into small cells.

Now the "ride around the city" is frequently given. A ride? I will explain it to you, Mr. Editor. Furious because the student does not "talk," the police take him at night by automobile to the vacant areas outside the city. Once there they subject him to all kinds of brutalities until he bleeds all over. This is a spectacle that takes place every night, but the strike keeps on.

Besides, the fascist admiral has introduced other blackmaling and cruelties. For example, to force a student to come to the examinations, the police arrested his parents, who were foreigners, and after keeping them in prison for a while, told them that they would be deported to their country of origin unless their son came to the examinations. The police offers everything to the students to come to the examinations: pays their fees, assures them of being given passing marks. But the strike goes on. The university student, Amor Casas, was placed in jail and they demanded that he take the examination, but he refused.

"I prefer that I am not a lamb..." Tell the Uruguayan people that the Argentine university students are struggling, and are struggling well, and that they trust to get the solidarity of the students of the Americas.

With anti-fascist greetings, A STUDENT.

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ment in Bolivia is the fact that this is but one act committed by a general subversive movement having for its purpose steadily expanding activities on the continent.

"These developments, viewed in the light of the information the American republics have been exchanging among themselves, dispose negatively of the matter of this government's recognizing the present revolutionary junta at La Paz."

"The inter-American system built up over the past 10 years has had for one of its purposes the defending of the sovereign republics of the hemisphere against aggression or intervention in their domestic affairs by influences operating outside the hemisphere and outside their individual frontiers."

"This government is confident that the freedom loving people of the American republics, including those of Bolivia, who have the good will of the government and people of the United States, will understand that this decision is taken in furtherance of the aforesaid purpose."

Argentina was not directly mentioned in the official statement. In fact, however, was believed to raise anew questions of United States relations with Argentina, since reports have indicated that the Bolivian coup d'etat was inspired by pro-Axis forces in Argentina.

Thanks a Million



Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, head of the Allied 5th Army that landed behind the Nazi lines south of Rome thanks Rear Admiral Frank J. Lowry, chief of the naval forces that covered the operations.

Allies Push 4 Miles Inland in Italy

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but resulting in a heavy swell that hampered the landing of supplies.

The Americans, who had crossed the Rapido three miles south of Cassino Saturday, fought savagely to hold their bridgehead, but ran out of ammunition and had to retreat.

Heavy counter-blows also were directed against British troops who had captured the Damiano peaks northwest of Minturno, but although they were several times forced back they reformed each time and won their original positions.

RAF POUNDS PORT OF ATHENS

CAIRO, Jan. 24 (UP).—Bombers of the Royal Air Force swept through low-flying clouds Saturday night to blast the harbor of Piraeus, port of Athens, starting fires, and continued attacks against enemy shipping and supply routes in the Aegean, a mid-east air communiqué said today.

Full observation of results at Piraeus was hampered by the clouds, which helped shield the bombers from enemy anti-aircraft

fire as they pounded at this important supply source for the German-occupied islands to the east. Pressing their campaign to rid the Aegean of Nazi shipping, RAF fighter planes and bombers in the past week have sunk three enemy sailing ships and damaged and set fire to many others, the communiqué said.

Two Allied aircraft were missing from these and other operations, but the crew of one was safe.

Napoleon's Not Due Anymore

RYE, England (By Mail) (UP).

The job of watching for Napoleon to cross the Dover Strait to invade England has lapsed owing to the death of its last occupant.

The late Chummy Barton was paid \$20 a year to stand on the cliffs and watch the sea for signs that Napoleon was coming. The job had been handed down from man to man for about 140 years. When Chummy died municipal authorities decided that his job was now dispensable.

British Bldg. Union Asks Post-War Plan

LONDON, Jan. 24 (ALN).—The campaign of British building trades workers to secure a post-war "Charter" for their industry gained headway this week when the building trades division of the Transport and General Workers Union called upon the government:

- 1) To instruct local housing authorities to prepare plans for post-war reconstruction;
- 2) Introduce legislation for compulsory acquisition of land for housing;
- 3) Ensure adequate supplies of building materials at controlled prices.

The proposed Charter, first suggested by the Amalgamated Union of Building Trades Workers, calls for continuation after the war of the guaranteed 44-hour week, now provided by the Essential Work Order, and improved conditions.

Pointing out that the rebuilding of "blitzed" Britain after the war will require a force of 1,250,000 building workers, AUBTW secretary Luke Fawcett said recently: "The fundamental problem is to ensure that this army of reconstruction is well fed, clothed and housed from the day of recruitment. After the last war there were never less than 100,000 building workers unemployed. The question of the permanent employment of the available workers is the outstanding issue before the building industry."

As a preliminary to winning their Charter, Britain's 18 different building trades unions are today discussing amalgamation. At present, for the purposes of wage negotiations, the unions are affiliated to the National Federation of Building Trades Operatives, but it is generally felt that some closer form of organic unity is needed.

"We aspire to one Builders' Union as the most effective concentration of our forces," Fawcett writes in the current issue of the AUBTW journal.

Communists in Lebanon and Syria Meet

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

BEYROUTH, Jan. 24.—A Congress of the Communist Party of Syria and Lebanon was recently held in Beyrouth. The 189 delegates, representing 50 organizations adopted a 20-point program, the first five of which are:

The full national independence of Syria and Lebanon; a genuine democratic, republican regime; equality for the citizens of the country, irrespective of race and religion; strengthening of national solidarity between the Arab peoples, with the aim of their national liberation and the assurance of public liberties and freedom of the individual.

The remaining points related to economic, social and cultural demands. The Congress also adopted a new status for the Party. Khalid Bagdache was elected chairman of the Communist Party of Syria and Farajallah Helou, chairman of the Communist Party of Lebanon.

Harmon Lost, Found in D. C.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24 (UP).—First Lt. Tommy Harmon, former All-American halfback who came back after being lost in French Guineas and again in China, was lost again today and then showed up, as is his habit.

He was scheduled to appear at a press conference at the Pentagon building at 10 A.M. and at 10:30 A.M. officers admitted he was lost, and postponed the conference until 2 P.M. At 10:40 he turned up at Bolling Field, in from Greenville, S. C.

Harmon has just returned from China and expects to go home on furlough in a few days.



Karolyi Urges Hungarians To Join with Red Army

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

Hungarian prisoners of war in the Soviet Union were urged by former President and Prime Minister of Hungary, Count Michael Karolyi, to place themselves at the disposal of the Red Army for large scale guerrilla warfare in the mountains of south-eastern Europe. The message from the acknowledged leader of the Free Hungary movement was reported from London in yesterday's N. Y. Times.

In addition, he urged the formation of an organized Hungarian partisan movement to fight in the mountains of their homeland.

Karolyi also suggested that Rumanians and Bulgarians join against the Axis in cooperation with Marshal Tito's Yugoslav Army of Liberation.

Subway Riders Face 10c Threat Again

People Killed
Gouge Peril Once—
Can Do It Again

By John Meidson

That "Committee of Fifteen" which has been persistently seeking to scrap New York's nickel subway fare is still at it.

Paul Windels, former City Corporation Counsel, who heads the "Committee of Fifteen," told the newspaper yesterday that the city needs a "breathing spell from the pressure for new expenditures." What's a good way to do it, Mr. Windels way of thinking? Raise the fare to ten cents!

Mr. Windels' committee has been popping up repeatedly for the past several years in an effort to high-pressure through an exorbitant subway fare, against the expressed opposition of the public. The so-called "Committee of Fifteen" in no way represents the public nor the small wage earners who are already overburdened with high living costs. The committee is composed almost exclusively of rich bankers, industrialists and real estate owners.

Among its members are Henry Bruere, president of the Bowers Savings Bank; Maxwell E. Fox, of the Bronx Board of Trade; Arthur A. Johnson, of the Queens Chamber of Commerce; George L. Allen, of the N. Y. Real Estate Board; John Lowry of the Commercial and Industry Association of New York; Delos Walker, vice-president of R. H. Macy and Co., and a few more wealthy people.

100% FARE BOOST ASKED

Mr. Windels in his latest gripe against the five cent fare does not hesitate to say he'd like to see it boosted a hundred per cent. One of his acknowledged objectives, to quote him, would be to stop "the extermination of real estate equities by excessive taxation..." In other words, relieve the wealthy real estate crowd of present tax rates and add the difference on Mr. and Mrs. John Doe who ride the subway.

In every instance that Mr. Windels' "Committee of Fifteen" has come forward demanding a ten cent fare, organizations of the people of this city have opposed the idea to a man. Trade unions, veterans' clubs, church congregations and numerous other groups have flatly rejected the proposal that the public take some of the tax burden off the backs of those who can well afford to pay—the big industrialists and real estate owners.

So far, the "Committee of Fifteen" hasn't gotten very far—but if the public lies down on the job it is liable to wake up some morning and find itself paying a ten cent fare.

If the subway fare ever comes to a showdown, the riders will have an opportunity to speak up. Last year, former State Assemblyman Charles Muzicato put a bill through the Legislature, signed by the governor, giving the City Council the right to hold a public referendum on the issue. That bill is still on the books.

Mr. Windels, by the way, was the attorney for the notorious Riapp-Couderc Committee which conducted a red-baiting drive of our school system.

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Both rallies will celebrate the victory of the United Nations, the 30th Anniversary of the Daily Worker and at the same time commemorate the death of Lenin, founder of the Soviet Union.

Community leaders as well as newspaper representatives are being invited to hear Councilman Cacchione on the meaning of the Tehran agreements, their meaning for national unity and the 1944 elections.

The outstanding Soviet movie, "Serge of Leninsky" will be shown and an appeal to fulfill the Fourth Year-Long Drive will be made by a representative of the War Finance Committee.

Unions to Unite On '44 Elections

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Jan. 24.—Organized labor of all affiliations in five counties in this area will get going on any election program next Sunday with a conference at CIO headquarters here.

APL, CIO and Railroad Brotherhood representatives, for 10,000 unionists in the territory, are expected. Farm organizations, independent and liberal groups, affiliated with both Republican and Democratic parties, have also been invited.

Pilot Nation Through Storm, Crew Urges FDR

In a moving message to President Roosevelt the crew of a big merchant ship on its way to the war zone appeals to its Commander-in-Chief to stay at the helm of the ship of state for a fourth term.

Many torpedoes, all members of the National Maritime Union, are members of the crew which sent the greetings, which follow:

The entire crew of the S. S. —, about to embark on a long voyage into the war zone, sends greetings to you, our friends and Commander-in-Chief.

Since we will be away for many months, we take

this opportunity to express our feelings regarding the coming Presidential elections. We think you should, you MUST, run for re-election.

United under your leadership, our nation is steering a true course to rapid victory in the war. With you at the helm, and with the Moscow, Cairo and Tehran decisions as our compass, we cannot fail to reach the port of unconditional Axis surrender and enduring peace thereafter.

All the storms we have weathered together in the past are as nothing compared to what we shall face

in the future. We cannot take the chance that an incompetent or a fascist might replace you as President in the trying days ahead. We dare not gamble with the fate of our nation and of the world. We will need your sure, experienced hand at the wheel, where it belongs.

In the spirit of our brothers who fought and died that the scourge and terror of war and fascism may be banished from the earth, we urge you therefore, not to desert the ship, to keep it sailing, to run for a fourth term.

No Funds for Dies, Wis. Group Urges

(Special to the Daily Worker)

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 24.—A petition to deny any further appropriation to the Dies Committee was sent to Congressman John J. Cochran, Chairman of the House Accounts Committee by the Wisconsin State Conference on Social Legislation yesterday. The appeal was made when it was learned that the Dies Committee is coming in for an additional \$75,000 appropriation.

The wire, signed by Thomas E. Casey, secretary of the organization, stated:

"We believe this committee has outlived its usefulness if it ever had any" and that its "activities are a detriment to the war effort."

Urging "unfavorable action" on any request from the Dies Committee, the wire reminded Congressman Cochran that he himself has stated that he would "welcome the day when the Dies Committee will go out of business."

Cleveland CIO Hails FDR 5-Point Plan

CLEVELAND, Jan. 24.—"CIO SUPPORTS FDR" is the front page headline of the Cleveland Union Leader, which devotes a feature editorial to explaining the CIO Council's stand in full support of the President's message to Congress to the city's 100,000 CIO war workers.

The editorial points out that Roosevelt's speech is "based on a background of conferences at Moscow, Cairo and Tehran where leaders of the most powerful nations met to appear on the face of the earth upon common action to wipe out the forces which seek to throw the world back into the dark centuries of long ago, where they agreed upon common action to utilize the expanded opportunities of modern development to change the world now and in the future."

Since every pro-fascist and every anti-labor force has been screaming for a "labor draft" law, the newspaper "gleefully distorted" the call for a national service law into a "labor draft" law, the editorial said.

The President did not propose details, but principles, it comments. "Certainly we want complete mobilization of all manpower, each contributing the maximum in our common fight for victory and a better world for all."

The paper also took note that the President tied the national service law to the four other points on stabilization and that he said such an act does not mean reductions in wages.

Shipyard Workers Hear Appeal for Filipino Major

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 24.—Ten thousand Delta shipyard workers got time off recently to hear a talk on the war effort by Major-General Basilio Valdez, a Filipino who served in the Philippines under General MacArthur and was evacuated when MacArthur left.

Valdez gave a vivid picture of how the Americans and Filipinos fought side by side. Because of that unity, he said, U. S. forces could have held out longer if they had had proper equipment.

He told of the heroism of the American nurses, and how they were on duty 12 and 18 hours at a time till they dropped of exhaustion.

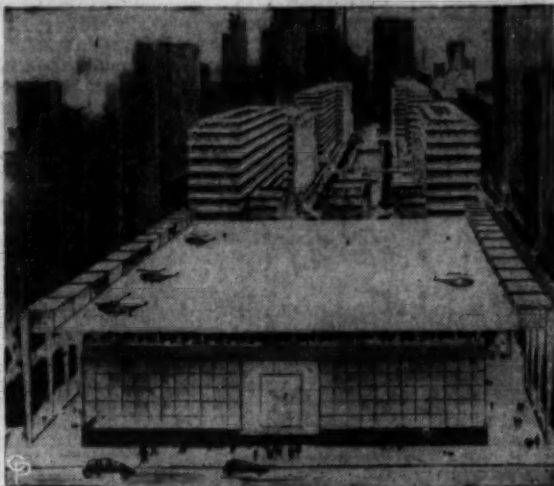
"We don't expect you to work as long as that," said Valdez, "but we make sure you make every hour of your eight hours count."

His words came with added force because earlier in the day there had been a slowdown on the steam cranes. It seems some of the white operators dissatisfied because Negro workers had been placed as hookmen.

However after a vote of all operators the Negro workers were accepted, showing that the majority of operators put the war effort ahead of the outdated prejudices that have held both white and Negro labor back so long.

On the way home that night, one

New York--Fashion Center



A drawing of the city's "Post-War Number 1" as the garment center sees it—a world fashion center to cost \$100,000,000. Occupying between six and 11 blocks it will house a municipal auditorium and exposition center with a helicopter terminal on the roof.

Erskine Scott Wood Dies in Calif. at 92

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS GATOS, Cal., Jan. 24.—California's beloved patriarch, Col. Charles Erskine Scott Wood, died at his home here Sunday at the age of 92. His colorful and courageous life encompassed the span of America's growth from the Indian fighting days to the modern industrial conflicts in which he took the part of the working class as he had championed the Indian cause in an earlier period.

A lifelong friend of the Soviet Union, Col. Wood was noted as a poet, painter and lawyer. Born in Erie, Pa., he was graduated from West Point in 1874. For the next six years he engaged in the military campaigns against the Indians. He was one of the leading figures in the treaty which was negotiated between the United States and Chief Joseph, a treaty later broken by the government. In protest, Col. Wood resigned from the army in 1880 and wrote an open letter denouncing the betrayal of the Indians.

WEST COAST LAWYER

At the age of 40, Col. Wood studied law and embarked upon a career which brought him to the peak of his profession. At a corporation lawyer in Portland, Ore. he became one of the most noted and colorful figures in west coast life.

However, it was in the defense of civil liberties and as a writer that Col. Wood won the love and respect of working men all over the world. He always took the side of the workers and outspokenly protested abuses against them.

His most famous writings include

his long poem "The Poet in the Desert" and "Heavenly Discourse," a series of satirical dialogues first published as sketches in the old Masses, to which he was a regular contributor.

His wife, Sara Bard Field Wood, who survives him, is herself a well known poet and a former leader in the suffrage movement.

Surviving also are four children by a former marriage, Mrs. G. Kirkham Smith, Mrs. Nan Honesman, former congresswoman from Oregon, and Erskine and Berwick Wood.

He had finished writing his reminiscences shortly before his death.

Mike Gold, a long time friend of Col. Erskine Scott Wood, yesterday paid tribute to the grand old fighter as one of the country's great men.

"From the outset he recognized the Soviet Union as the forerunner of a happy future for civilization," Mike said. "He was a man whose life held many changes and with each change he showed himself an honest and brave pioneer. I remember we used to urge him to write his reminiscences which covered the greatest developments in our nation's history. The old man would always smile and agree that he would write them when he 'got old.'"

Edison Union Studies CIO Affiliation

President William Pachler of the Brotherhood of Consolidated Edison Employees (Independent) yesterday confirmed reports that his union has named a committee to explore possibilities of affiliating with the CIO.

He revealed that the membership of Local 1-2, largest of the Brotherhood, had elected a committee at its membership meeting last Thursday upon hearing read a letter from CIO President Philip Murray inviting the union to do so.

Other Brotherhood locals are acting similarly, Pachler said. He presumed that they will act jointly on the Murray invitation. The BCEE has a membership of over 25,000.

Mr. Pachler said he was unable to discuss any details because no meetings were held outside of a short talk he had with Murray.

"If what the CIO heads have in mind will be of benefit to our members, I am sure that we will not be in the way of any effort to bring us into the CIO," he said.

The sentiment as he could judge it, said Pachler, was generally the same, although some still retain feelings of days when the union and the CIO contested in elections.

The committee named by the local was given authority to discuss with the CIO and report back to a membership meeting.

Snyder Named

ALBANY, Jan. 24 (UP).—Provisional appointment of William E. Snyder, principal keeper at Clinton Prison, as warden of Sing Sing Prison was announced today by State Corrections Commissioner John A. Igo.

High Accident Toll Cuts War Output

By Eva Lapin

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The press has been highlighting the number of man-hours lost due to strikes but scarcely any attention has been focused on industrial accidents which account for four times as many lost man-hours as strikes.

This country would be 7,500 merchant ships to the better if we had utilized the \$40,000,000 man-days lost since Pearl Harbor due to on-the-job accidents.

Yet government officials in charge of safety programs reveal that a majority of the nation's 100,000 war plants are operating without realistic and effective safety programs, although nine-tenths of all worker accidents can be prevented.

"Employers have not fully and effectively applied the known and approved accident-prevention techniques or overcome the hard-rooted fatalistic notion that accidents will happen," according to Verne A. Zimmer, head of the National Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in War Industries.

Labor has fully recognized this terrible toll among American workers and has participated eagerly in safety programs.

As Allan Haywood, CIO Director of Organization, declared:

"Beyond protecting our workers, it is a patriotic duty because waste through accidents prolongs the war and increases the number of our casualties."

The Division of Labor Standards has pointed out that union participation in safety programs has resulted in lowered accident frequency.

JOINT ACTION

There is no doubt that the plants which have been most spectacular in reducing accidents are those in which management and labor have pooled their resources. Both the Army and Navy encourage joint committees in plants under their supervision.

When you stop to realize that

Connelly Resigns as Cal. CIO Chief

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Philip M. Connelly has resigned as president of the California State CIO and James G. Timmes, West Coast director of the United Steelworkers of America, has been elected to succeed him.

Need for greater unity, breadth and strength which will enable the State CIO to do its win the war job in '44 was cited by Connelly as the reason for his resignation. He stepped down from the post just a few months after his reelection to his sixth term in office.

Connelly was unanimously chosen to serve as a vice-president of the state board. He continues in his post as executive secretary-treasurer of the Los Angeles CIO Council, which he had held concurrently with the State Council presidency.

Mr. Timmes, a native of Hemlock, O., a steel town, is a member of a family that has been union-minded by tradition. Son of a miner, he is one of six brothers all of them active in union circles.

HIT GOV. WARREN

A charge that Gov. Earl Warren is blocking the war effort by limiting the call for the forthcoming special session was made by the California CIO Council this week.

The CIO demanded that the Governor broaden the call to include a variety of critical wartime problems.

Only items which the Governor would put before the session opening Jan. 27 affect action on prison reform and changes in the state election code to facilitate voting by California servicemen.

The CIO asked that problems of housing, health, inter-racial unity, child care, transportation, recreation and manpower be added to the call. Unless they are added, the legislature will not be able to consider them at the special session.

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Labor Dep't Lauds Child Care Groups

(Special to the Daily Worker)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Children's Bureau of the Labor Department in a recent survey of 13 war communities paid tribute to Child Care Committees and their assistance to the needs of working mothers.

The survey revealed that in some instances locally financed programs had proven effective in heightening the morale of a war community, while in others the absence of service to care for children had forced mothers to quit their jobs.

The communities selected for the survey represent a cross-section of the country and include large and small industrial centers, rural and urban areas, and an area surrounding a military base. They were: Rochester and Monroe county, N. Y.; Newark, N. J.; Lynchburg, Va.; Cleveland, Ohio; Chicago, Ill.; Des Moines, Iowa; Minneapolis, Minn.; Memphis, Tenn.; Kansas City, Mo.; Little Rock, Ark.; Davis County, Utah; Portland and Multnomah, Ore.; and San Francisco, Cal.

First step of this over-all planning group would be to conduct surveys to determine how many working mothers had children, how many of these children needed care, what resources were in the community for meeting the need, what were the gaps in the services already available, and what additional services were needed by working mothers.

THREE CHIEF SERVICES

Excluding projects under the Federal Works Agency and those sponsored by school systems, the survey disclosed that local community-wide day care programs offered working mothers these three services:

1.—Advisory and counseling services. Not only does this service give mothers information on existing facilities, but it also acts as clearing house for determining community needs. No federal funds are available for this service.

2.—Poster-family day care program. It provides for the placement and supervision of children of working mothers in carefully selected

homes, preferably in the children's own neighborhood. This is most effective for children under two years, for physically handicapped children, and for children living in suburban and sparsely settled areas.

No federal funds available for this service either, although the survey revealed that the vast majority of children of working mothers are not receiving some form of home care.

3.—Group-care centers, including nursery schools and day nurseries for young children and day-care centers for children of all ages.

Community programs were usually operated by the formation of a child care committee, including representatives of organized labor, social and welfare agencies, parent-teacher associations, schools, management, etc., the survey found.

War Manpower Commissioner Paul V. McNutt recently declared that "we have to accept the fact that industrial safety has become a major war problem." With the present tight labor market, we simply cannot spare workers who lose time from the job due to temporary injuries.

There are plenty of agencies working against job accidents and there is no excuse for the present high frequency. As Verne Zimmer, head of the coordinating committee, made plain:

We have the blueprints for accident prevention. Accidents keep on happening because the blueprints are not used. The services of the National Committee are available to any plant wanting to improve its safety methods."

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Union Lookout

It's no longer news that forward-looking unions are using health plans to extend the protection they wish for their members. However, Seattle labor is doing that and cementing its own unity at the same time. Eighteen unions, including the Metal Trades Council of the AFL International Association of Machinists, the CIO United Office and Professional Workers, the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union and the unaffiliated International Typographical Union, are cooperating in a committee which seeks complete medical, dental and hospital attention for every union member and his family on a pre-paid low-cost basis. Seattle, a booming war center, gravely lacks health facilities. That's why labor took the matter in hand and built the United Labor Family Medical Care Committee. All members of organized labor and their families would be eligible with complete freedom of choice of doctors and dentists, under the plan they're preparing.

The Florida State CIO will hold a special convention in Jacksonville over the Feb. 5 week-end. Object: to mobilize support for candidates endorsing President Roosevelt's agreements at Tehran for victory in '44 and post war peace. Two hundred delegates from some 31 state CIO affiliates are expected. A house-to-house political campaign is among the projects that will be presented. . . . The Milwaukee Industrial Union Council has sent President Roosevelt a strong message asking that deportation proceedings brought against Mrs. Earl Browder be cancelled.

Beginning today, certain of the New York City OPA enforcement boards will begin meeting at night, when working people can get around to participate. This is a victory for organized labor which has been hanging away for months on the necessity of having night meetings, if union people are to be able to attend. As we understand it, a test is being made. If it works out, additional committees will meet at night, too. Unions should check with the OPA Labor Advisory Committee, through CIO or AFL, and see what they can do to make sure that the tests are successful.

In the drive to get a unified federal voting plan for servicemen and women, unions are not only bombarding Congressmen on their own account but are drawing other organizations into activity as well. In Fullerton, Cal., for example, a local of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers, wrote to the American Legion Post and got them to take action. In Mansfield, Ohio, a CIO committee was able to get Mayor Locke and the Republican County chairman to wire Congressmen asking them to vote for the Green-Lucas bill. Initiatives like that could be taken in any town.

An organizing drive among New York's building service employees is on the way. To facilitate it, locals of the Building Service Employees International are forming a Council here, according to David Sullivan, international representative. The drive will stress unionizing charwomen, cleaners and superintendents in office buildings and lofts and superintendents in apartment houses. . . . A giant entertainment and military ball will be held Feb. 15 by Chain Service Restaurant Employees, Local 42. They call it "Labor Salutes the Armed Forces." The place will be Manhattan Center.

Hotel and Club Employees Local 6, largest culinary union in the country, will elect officers Jan. 28. Michael Obermeier, president, Martin Cody, secretary-treasurer, and Gertrude Lane, general organizer, are among nominees for reelection. . . . The union will mark Negro History Week with an exhibit Feb. 14 to 20 at its headquarters. . . . Local 15, Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, reproduces in its January union paper the entire unit statement issued by John Green, international president, and Philip Van Gelder, international secretary-treasurer. That's the statement which says: "Our organization is big enough and strong enough for all to work together toward our common goal" and calls for a rejection of prejudices that would destroy unity.

Negro Leader Hails Role Of 'Daily'; Banquet Friday

In a glowing tribute to the Daily Worker, Charles Collins, executive secretary of the Negro Labor Victory Committee and one of the many prominent sponsors of the 30th Anniversary Banquet for the Daily Worker, called upon all friends of the paper to support this significant birthday celebration. The banquet will be held at the C & L Restaurant, 2131 Broadway, starting at 8 P. M. Friday evening, Jan. 28. "I first became acquainted with the Daily Worker in the Scottsboro and Herndon campaigns," said Mr. Collins. "My deep regard for the paper has deepened with each succeeding day. Those of us who have watched its growth have a deep responsibility to see to it that this beacon light shines ever more brightly, so that not just thousands—but millions of American men and women of all races and creeds will find their path to freedom. This banquet is but a small way by which the friends of this great paper can show their appreciation to the Daily Worker and its entire staff. "The pioneering work that it has done to have Negroes take their part as equals in all phases of our nation's life is a matter of common knowledge," explained Mr. Collins. "But more than that, its present role to widen the scope of their participation is yielding concrete results. Quite recently it played a significant part in the campaign to elect a Negro judge to the highest judicial court in New York City, and to elect a Negro Councilman. "It is not content with merely calling attention to the fascist-like treatment the Negro people receive at the hands of un-American elements. It is a great organizer of the Negro people, teaching them the only sure way to eventually eliminating these injustices—and that is the way of unified struggle of all Americans, of every race, creed and station. "Active trade unionists and individuals who wish to attend the banquet may obtain reservations by writing directly to Louis Budenz, chairman of the 30th Anniversary Committee, 35 East 12th St. Check to cover (\$3 per person) must accompany reservations.

Four Die in Blaze

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Set Republic Poll Feb. 7; Incentive Pay Chief Issue

(Special to the Daily Worker)

FARMINGDALE, L. I., Jan. 24.—After a struggle of many months, the United Automobile Workers (CIO) has won a National Labor Relations Board decision ordering a collective bargaining election at Republic Aircraft Feb. 7.

The election campaign, expected to involve more than 12,000 workers, is gaining intensity, with the incentive bonus the principal issue.

The company, through statements in its plant paper, is attempting to picture the union as opposed to the incentive plan that has been recently introduced.

UNION SPURS INCENTIVES The union countered with its paper, the Long Island Aircraft, which declared in the latest issue that the union, far from opposing the incentive system, seeks to improve the plan.

The company, apparently to give an impression that the bonus is its voluntary contribution to the workers, has announced two monthly bonus payments within a short space of time, the latest one of 19 per cent covering the month of December. The bonus for November was over 13 per cent, while the bonus for October was nothing, the latter on the basis that production standards had not been met.

"Don't believe their lies!" is the heading over an editorial in the union's paper.

"Company stonoges are spreading lies to the effect that if the UAW-CIO is elected as collective bargaining agent for Republic workers, the bonus will be terminated. Nothing could be further from the truth. It was the UAW-CIO which for long months insisted on higher wages and an Incentive Bonus Plan."

"It was fear of the union which forced Republic to install this plan in hopes of diverting Racers (Republican workers) from the union. As far as the plan goes the WLB has ordered the plan to operate only for three months from the date of its approval on Dec. 17. Then it will probably be adjusted. This is something which Republic has neglected to tell the workers."

"If the Republic workers vote for the CIO, as we are sure they will, they have as much to say about future adjustments and changes of the plan as the company. If there is no union they will be helpless and without rights concerning the bonus."

The company's announcement of the bonus plan conveniently came as it appeared that the union would win its fight for an election. Thereby it sought to exploit the sentiment of the workers for some form of incentive that would give them an opportunity for higher wages.

At first the company planned to ask for a bonus plan patterned after the Grumman Aircraft plan of paying workers a five per cent raise for every ten per cent production boost over the standard set. After the union's fire against the company and its request to appear before the WLB, the Republic management improved its plan. But workers complain that the standards set are too high, so that bonuses are far below the expected raises.

Under Republic's plan output is figured monthly on a plant-wide basis.

Carrier Hancock Joins the Fleet

QUINCY, Mass., Jan. 24 (UP).—The aircraft carrier Hancock, third vessel named for the famous signer of the Declaration of Independence—sailed down the ways into the Fore River today at colorful ceremonies at the Bethlehem Steel Co.'s shipyard.

Mrs. De Witt C. Ramsey, wife of the Admiral in charge of the Navy's Aeronautics Bureau at Washington, cracked a beribboned bottle of champagne on the bow of the 27,000-ton craft that soon will join its fleet of sister "flattops" in the war against the Axis.

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Fighting Family's Mother



With nine sons in the various services, Mrs. Annie Jordan of Boston can rightly be called the nation's number one war mother. Here son Bob helps the "general" of the "Jordan army" as she finds a niche for a photo of Philip, the ninth to enter the armed forces.

Smelter Union Parley Asks Wage Revision

(Special to the Daily Worker)

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 24.—More than 100 locals from 11 Western states were represented at a CIO Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers wage conference here which made a vigorous demand for immediate wage relief.

While reaffirming their no-strike pledge without reservation, metal miner delegates charged that continued price rises and a combination of factors resulting from a "reactionary coalition of Republicans and poll tax Democrats in Congress" have made necessary a drive for important changes in wage policy.

Delegates protested particularly War Labor Board insistence on the Little Steel formula's 15 per cent limitation on general increases and said these percentages "cannot be permitted to remain if the workers' living standards are to be protected."

International officers were instructed to appeal a decision made by the Non-Ferrous Metals Commission affecting the Utah, East-Corn Nevada, Idaho and Empire zinc cases, where, it was said, raises granted as premium pay for shift work are "wholly inadequate" to compensate for soaring living costs.

BACK PRESIDENT

At the same time, the conference endorsed President Roosevelt's stabilization program, urged that the WLB be restored to power to eliminate inequalities, recommended that realistic price indices be established, renewed a demand for subsidies to keep prices down and called for a realistic tax law and elimination of discriminatory wage rates, based on race, color or sex.

Delegates pointed out that although WLB policy permits raises to compensate for increased production, many employers in the metal ore industry flatly refuse such adjustments. Where that is the case, they said, the board should take into account when raises are sought.

The conference noted that much of its program's success was dependent on effective political action and called for effective labor mobilization against the defeatist coalition in Congress.

Hudson Guild Director Joins Mayor Committee

Miss Helen M. Harris, executive director of the Mayor's Committee on the Wartime Care of Children, announced yesterday that Mrs. Beatrice W. Robbins had resigned the directorship of the Hudson Guild Child Care Center to join the administrative staff of the Mayor's Committee.

Amalgamated Insurance Now in Effect

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The Amalgamated Life and Health Insurance Company, established by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America under the terms of a collective labor agreement between the union and the Clothing Manufacturers' Association of the U.S.A., goes into effect today, providing benefits for 125,000 clothing workers and their families as a result of this latest social welfare development in the industry.

Chartered in New York State, the Amalgamated Insurance company will operate, in its initial stages, in 17 States where organized clothing workers are located. Under provisions of the union-employer agreement, employers are contributing two per cent of their weekly payrolls into the Amalgamated Insurance Fund which operates the company.

Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Amalgamated Insurance Fund, declared yesterday that the fund, to date, has \$4,500,000 and that, according to present indications, clothing employers will contribute \$250,000 per month which will permit setting up more than adequate reserves.

ALL MEMBERS

Under the nation-wide agreement in the clothing industry, not only are productive workers covered, but shipping clerks, clerks and bookkeepers, wherever they belong to Amalgamated, will also come under the insurance provisions.

Under the nation-wide plan, the Amalgamated group policies grant an outright \$500 to beneficiaries of Amalgamated members upon death. The health and accident provisions yield an \$8 weekly indemnity for women and \$12 for men for an aggregate not exceeding 13 weeks accident and 13 weeks sickness in any consecutive 12 months.

Union, Legion Agree on Vote For Soldiers

FULLERTON, Calif., Jan. 24.—An exchange of letters between a local CIO union here and the local post of the American Legion led to an intensification of the fight for the soldiers' vote.

The initiative was taken by Local 2 of the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers in a letter urging the Legion post to press Congress for passage of a unified federal voting plan for servicemen and women.

"The CIO has spoken out in favor of the rights of our men and women in service," wrote Local 2 Business Agent Minerva Burford. "Just as we fought for and secured higher dependents' allowances for the families of those men, so now we insist that their voting rights be made effective. We are confident that your organization is interested in maintaining this fundamental democratic privilege for our men and women on the fighting front."

A few days later came the reply from Claude R. Allin, Adjutant of the American Legion Post No. 354. "At the regular meeting of our Post held Friday evening," the Adjutant wrote, "your letter was presented and I was instructed to write Representatives Worley, McCormick, Martin and Rayburn following your suggestion. The letters were in the mail this morning."

Sen. Taft Stalls Action on Soldier Vote

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Conference, and has the deep belief that this step will lead to the rescue of a large part of the part of the Jewish masses and all other oppressed, or change in any form or manner" state elections. A similar amendment but not going quite so far has been introduced by Senator John H. Overton, of Louisiana.

Senator Green charged that the new Eastland amendment would virtually wipe out the effectiveness of the soldier vote measure. Even apart from the poll tax question, most soldiers cannot comply with state registration laws and would thus be ineligible to vote.

BLAST TAFT CHARGES During a frequently heated debate, Taft was slapped down hard when he charged that Secretary of the Navy Knox and Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson are "determined" to get passage of a Federal ballot and are "running for a fourth term."

Senator Scott Lucas, of Illinois, co-sponsor of the soldier vote bill, branded this "purely political popycock of the highest type."

Majority Leader Alben Barkley solemnly corrected Lucas, and said his statement should be amended to read "poppycock of the lowest type."

Taft started his obstructionist tactics early in the day when he insisted that the Senate go through its entire calendar of bills. He objected to a motion by Barkley to dispense with the calendar.

Barkley said that he "appreciated the sudden enthusiasm" shown by Taft in the calendar and said that he wanted it stated in the record that the reason for this was his "desire to postpone" consideration of the soldier vote bill.

Jewish Groups Hail FDR's Rescue Order

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pressed peoples in Nazi occupied Europe," Goldstein said.

The War Refugee Board which consists of the Secretaries of State, Treasury and War, will have a full time executive director to arrange for the prompt carrying through of the plans and programs developed by the measures initiated to effect the rescue.

Mr. Roosevelt has stated that he expected to obtain the cooperation of all members of the United Nations and other foreign government "in carrying out this difficult but important task."

F. D. R.'s AID PROGRAM

In establishing the new board, which will function directly under him, the President declared in an executive order that "it is the policy of this government to take all measures within its power to rescue the victims of enemy oppression who are in imminent danger of death, and otherwise to afford such victims all possible relief and assistance consistent with the successful prosecution of the war."

He added that the board will be charged with the direct responsibility to him in seeing that the announced policy is carried out.

In delegating Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War, Cordell Hull, Secretary of the State and Henry Morgenthau, Jr. to take concrete action to save what he termed "civilian victims of enemy savagery," the President said that they will co-operate in this work with the Inter-Governmental Refugees Committee.

Existing facilities of the State, Treasury and War Departments will be employed to aid victims to the fullest extent possible the announcement stated emphasizing that it was urgent that action be taken at once to exterminate all the Jews and other persecuted minorities in Europe—racial, religious or political.

In carrying out "effective measures" for the rescue, transportation maintenance and relief of the victims and the establishment of havens of temporary refuge, the board was directed in the executive order to utilize, to the fullest extent possible, "The personnel, supplies, facilities and services of the State, Treasury and War Departments."

The board is to report to the President on the steps taken and to recommend further action it deems appropriate to overcome any difficulties encountered in the rescue and relief of war refugees.

350 Newark Shop Stewards Meet

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Jan. 24.—Three hundred and fifty shop stewards and union officials from 21 internationals attended a Newark CIO conference on economic and political action at Continental Ballroom yesterday.

Delegates authorized appointment of a Political Action Committee of 50, headed by Katherine Hoffman, CIO City Secretary, which will meet tomorrow night to insure full labor participation in elections.

Catholic Editor on Union Democracy

By George Morris

Writing in the Commonweal, leading magazine of Catholics, John C. Cort, the journal's editor on labor problems, sees Communists and Catholic trade unionists waging struggles for trade union democracy.

Mr. Cort reviewing the report on "Democracy in the Trade Unions" issued recently by the American Civil Liberties Union, urges support of recommendations to liberalize union constitutions, ensure rank and file expression and control, and abolish discrimination on grounds of race, color, creed, national origin or political views.

After a favorable analysis of the report, he draws the conclusion as follows:

"As the ACLU report admits, however, the most perfect constitution in the world and the most water-tight, acid-proof laws in the world are not going to produce 'democracy in trade unions' just like that. Legal mechanisms make democracy possible, but a smart articulate determined rank and file, watching their leaders—even good ones—like hungry hawks and participating actively in union affairs, can actually make of democracy the real, living thing that it should be."

"And so we come back to that stale and discouraging old problem of education. Who is going to train and inspire rank and file trade unionists to be 'smart, articulate and determined,' not to mention honest, reasonable and self-sacrificing? Who is going to train the leaders? The left-wingers have been doing it and the left-wingers have been taking over unions here and there. More and more the Church-Through the ACTU (Association of Catholic Trade Unionists) Jesuit and diocesan labor schools—has also been doing it. The harvest is great and the laborers are still few."

To all this, the "left-wingers" will say Amen. Communists and all progressives associated with them in the "left-wing" have long carried on the fight for trade union democracy, and a cleanout of racketeers. Much of labor history for the past 25 years deals with this struggle.

COMMON PURPOSE But as Mr. Cort notes the "harvest" is still great and those laboring upon it are "still few." There is certainly no competition. Unfortunately, however, some of Mr. Cort's colleagues in the ACTU do not yet see it that way. Some of them in Detroit or in a number of locals of the CIO's shipyard union, are upholding clauses in the union constitutions discriminating against Communists and otherwise curbing democracy. This doesn't hold true for all ACTU groups.

There have been instances in New York locals when Communist-supported groups and the ACTU even joined in a common union election ticket. And such

Mr. Cort's article on union democracy is interesting for other reasons. He gives no quarter to the Pegler practice of sneering the whole labor movement for acts of bureaucratic cliques and racketeers in a number of unions. He calls attention to the shame that those AFL unions that still exclude Negroes, cast upon the entire labor movement.

In common with "left wingers" he finds fault with union constitutions for those cover—all clauses that give an entrenched bureaucracy a weapon against rank and file opponents.

Mr. Cort is opposed to Communists, and he shows it wherever he refers to them. But he expresses a progressive tendency among Catholic trade unionists that one hears quite frequently these days from many prominent "people among Catholics. He doesn't minimize the differences that do exist between the ACTU and Communists, or other groups in the labor movement, but he does stress those spheres where there is a basis for common action.

200 Los Angeles Leaders Push Fight on Intolerance

(Special to the Daily Worker)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—Two hundred religious, civic, business and labor leaders in this city are conducting a determined drive to gather 50,000 signatures to a pledge against racial and religious intolerance.

The drive will be climaxed at a public meeting at the Shrine Auditorium on Monday, Feb. 7 where Dr. Stephen S. Wise of New York will be the main speaker.

The pledges will be presented to Dr. Wise at the meeting in tribute to his 50 years in the forefront of the fight to bring a greater understanding and tolerance to Americans of all creeds, colors and races.

At the same time, the Dr. Stephen S. Wise Reception Committee announced that invitations have gone out to 800 members of the clergy of Southern California asking them to be the guests of Archbishop John J. Cantwell, Rabbi Edgar F. Maginn, Dr. E. C. Farnham and Bishop W. Bertrand Stevens at a dinner to honor Dr. Wise at the Ambassador Hotel on Wednesday evening, Feb. 2.

Rabbi Maginn, general chairman of the committee of 200 stated that the "theme of plans being made by the committee is 'All Los Angeles United to Fight Attacks on Minorities. A Win-the-War Issue' representing Catholics, Protestants and Jews; the dinner for the clergy of Southern California will be a concrete expression of this theme."

UNION PARTICIPATION A sub-committee to arrange trade union participation in the Shrine Auditorium mass meeting has been formed which include Chaim Shapiro, Jerome Posner, manager of the Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers and Louis Levy, Pacific Coast vice-president, International Ladies Garment Workers, AFL.

Partial text of the Pledge reads: "I will give my voice for whatever value it may have to challenge openly and publicly and on the spot any man who speaks in seriousness or in jest along the lines of racial or religious hate; "I sign this pledge in a fight against racial intolerance, bigotry, oppression and all such hatreds

Rule Pay-Hour Act Applies to Press

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 24 (UP).—The provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act apply to newspapers, the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled today in upholding a lower court decision which enjoined the Sun Publishing Co., Jackson, Tenn., from violating provisions of the act.

The court ruled against the company's contention that newspaper reporters were a professional class and that application of the law would violate the constitutional freedom of the press.

It ruled, in upholding the decision of Federal Judge Marion S. Boyd, that the publisher of a newspaper had no special immunity from application of general laws.

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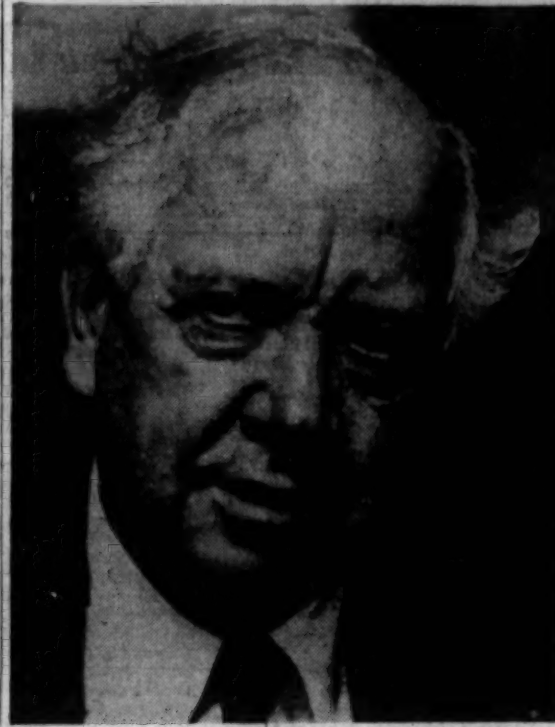


The Dudley-Maslow-Bates Dance Trio will appear on the program at Manhattan Center Thursday evening, in honor of Art Young.

In 1911, Art Young, a noted cartoonist who had been appearing regularly in the pages of Puck and Life (old style) came to the storefront office of the Masses on Union Square and introduced himself as follows:

"I'm very happy to offer my services for whatever value they are in your new magazine. I'm stilled entirely too much in the rarified air of the commercial editorial offices. I've promised myself that once a month I'll take a bracing constitutional in the militant pages of the Masses." From that day until the day he died a few weeks ago, Art escaped more and more into the militant world going from Masses to Militant to New Masses. He himself proved a bracing constitutional to all he met, a happy mixture of crusader and gay companion. His favorite jokes are an indication of his bubbling spirit; the one made famous by Justice Holmes, who upon meeting a beautiful girl of twenty when he was turning ninety sighed "If I were only fifteen years younger," and the other one about the oldest of eighty-five who complained bitterly to his doctor that he was losing his zest for night life.

Yes, Art was so much so the favorite of the art world that the news of his death brought expressions of sadness from all over the



ART YOUNG

country. The New Masses, Art's favorite magazine, and on which he served as editor until the day of his death, has been the recipient of

many a nostalgic reminiscence from many who knew him and worked with him in the old days. When the magazine announced a meeting to pay tribute to his memory, the cream of America's artists indicated a desire to participate. Many, who because of distance or other reasons will not be able to come in person, are sponsoring the meeting from afar. Thus Hemingway in Cuba, Walt Disney on the West Coast, Carl Sandburg, out in Michigan, Daniel Fitzpatrick, noted cartoonist of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Boardman (Mike) Robinson an old colleague, and others will be present in sentiment, if not in body.

On the platform at Manhattan Center, on Thursday evening, the 27th, will be such noted figures as Rockwell Kent, Earl Browder, Howard Fast, Donald Ogden Stewart, William Young, brother of Art, Max Weber, Peggy Bacon, Van Wyck Brooks, Alexander Brook, Peter Blume, Gropper, Mike Gold, the Soyars, Hugo Gellert, Burluk, Jo Davidson, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Robert Nicholas, Langston Hughes and many, many more. Prominent musicians and dancers will provide a cultural program that will fit the occasion. Thus the present and the past will merge into a continuous tribute to the memory of the valiant fighter for peoples rights. Thus this meeting will in itself constitute an action in the spirit of Art's crusading career, and that is how Art will understand it.

At the dinner Irish also announced that a George E. Keenan memorial trophy has been established in memory of the Notre Dame coach who died last year. The sterling silver bowl will be held by the team winning the annual Garden classic between NYU and Notre Dame. . . . This game was the first one ever played at the Garden, exactly ten years ago and has grown with the years into one of the most exciting rivalries in basketball.

Of the nine NYU-Notre Dame games in the Garden to date, the Irish have taken seven, in addition to one achieved when the Violets visited South Bend in 1929.

NYU won the first of the games, 25-18 in 1933 and had to wait until 1940 before they took another winning this one by 52-43.

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American Story Programs for Western World's Kinship

How the peoples of the Western World are brothers under the skin will be demonstrated in "The American Story," the new NBC radio series dealing with the literature of the Americas. Dr. James Rowland Angell, Public Service Counselor of the National Broadcasting Company, declared in an address heard last night by the Washington Chapter of the Association for Education by Radio.

The series, which begins Saturday, Feb. 5 (7:00 P.M., EWT), will be written by Archibald MacLachlan, distinguished poet and Librarian of Congress. He read a script to be used in the program, following Dr. Angell's speech.

"All the basic aspects of the new world . . . and many more of the essential circumstances which made us of the Western World kindred under our skin are dealt with in a manner to make us feel a new sense of kinship not only with our own forebears, but also with those of our neighbors, regardless of color, tongue or creed," Dr. Angell said.

"Foremost in this community of background . . . is the fact of the discovery and settlement of an entire new continent with all the basic effects on the minds and feelings of men involved in such a circumstance. . . . There is next the experience of life on the margin of a great continent. . . . Furthermore, there is the common experience of the Colonial type of life which was characteristic all over the Western world."

It seems fitting that Victor should release this album since for years Whitman lived only a few blocks from the Victor Talking Machine Company in Camden, N. J. He walked almost daily in the shadow of the Victor plant to the Delaware River ferry for his customary afternoon ride on the apron of the boat.

The poem in the "Leaves of Grass" album were all chosen personally by Mr. Bellamy who has long been an admirer of Whitman. The album also marks Bellamy's first appearance on phonograph records. During his 13 years in Hollywood, he starred in 83 films, including such recent successes as "The Awful Truth," "His Girl Friday," and "Divine Bomber." Prior to his Hollywood career Bellamy was on the Broadway stage and it was his performance in "Roadside" in

1930 which led to his motion picture career.

"Tomorrow the World" marks Bellamy's first appearance on Broadway since 1930. He plans to continue work in the legitimate theatre and to contribute what he can to the furtherment of good literature through dramatic readings.

Let's All Back The Attack

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Literary Lookout

By SAMUEL PUTNAM

The following is the brief address delivered by Mr. Putnam at the twentieth anniversary celebration of the Daily Worker, in Town Hall, Philadelphia, on January 21st.

FRIENDS—I am very proud and happy to appear before you this evening as a representative of the cultural page of America's great People's Newspaper, the Daily Worker.

In connection with the 20th anniversary celebration of that publication, it was found that a rare combination of minds, a most extraordinary collaboration, was needed in order to describe it properly—a collaboration between Mayor LaGuardia and Mike Gold; nothing less than that could do the job!

His Honor the Mayor averred that the Daily Worker was "the best hated paper in America"—chiefly hated, as he had to admit, by those who never read it; but as Mike pointed out, what the Mayor neglected to add was, that the Daily Worker, at the same time, is the best loved paper, best loved by thousands of good and loyal Americans.

And there are, I can assure you, none who love it more ardently than those of us here in the United States who are concerned with the cause of human culture and the fate of culture in a world that is menaced by fascist barbarism.

Throughout the whole of its existence, but especially during the turbulent decade of the 1930's and the present period of the People's War, the cultural page of the Daily Worker has been a battleground for the struggle against the pistol-pickin' culture-slayers; whether they hailed from the Wilhelmstrasse, from the vicinity of the Palazzo Venezia, from Franco Spain, from the committee-room of Martin Dies, or the precincts of the Rapp-Coudert Committee.

NEW FILMS

"The Miracle of Morgan's Creek"—Paramount Theatre

By Frank Antico

Well, it seems that this is the way it happened. Trudy Kockenlocker, of the Morgan Creek Kockenlockers, whose papa is the town's constable, took it into her head to attend a servicemen's soiree. Jitterbugging it hotly, she hits her giddy head against a low-hanging chandelier, and from that

point on everything is a semi-blank. All she can remember, when she emerges from the delicious coma, is that somebody said something about getting married, somebody said something about not giving your right name, and there she was.

Exactly where she is the film refuses to say, and rightly so. You know how townspeople talk! And if they had known that Private Ignatz Ratzlowski (don't that name a laugh!) had left only two traces of his earthly existence, how those party lines would have buzzed! Trace number one is a curtain-holder, marriage ring. Trace number two is the miracle, which, under the reviewers' code, cannot be revealed here.

Suffice it to say that what might have been, ignorantly mistaken for juvenile delinquency turns out to be the most fertile example of—but there, there, we mustn't tell, except when uttering, is a perfect

Is she married or isn't she? Does she commit bigamy, or doesn't she? These naughty subjects peek delicately out at you, but you'll be so overwhelmed by the proportions of the miracle that you won't remember to ask for answers.

The film is somewhat mad and occasionally merry. Its principal attributes is its velocity. Preston Sturges' humor is a horse that needs to be incessantly whipped to give the appearance of a racing thoroughbred. When he gets winded and had to slow up even a little, you have time to notice that the elements of low comedy and high drama do not ride too easily together on the narrow saddle.

The actors do well by the old gray mare. William Demarest is a more refined Edgar Kennedy; Betty Hutton is credibly and amusingly scatterbrained; and Eddie Bracken, except when uttering, is a perfect set-up for bowling over.

Ralph Bellamy Records Walt Whitman's 'Leaves of Grass'

An unusual item on Victor's February list is a Red Seal album of selected poems from Walt Whitman's famous "Leaves of Grass." The dramatic reading is by Ralph Bellamy, popular film and stage star, now appearing in the Broadway hit "Tomorrow the World."

This group of recordings, as well as previous ones of a similar nature, can well establish that records represent a media for perpetuating types of art other than music. Recordings of the drama, poetry, and even vital prose, as demonstrated in Paul Muni's reading of "The Crisis," in interpretations by the stage's leading lights, serve not only to bring these works to the home but also to perpetuate the talent of the performers.

Included in the "Leaves of Grass" album besides the introduction are: To a Certain Civilian; I Think I Could Turn and Live with Animals; To the Man-of-War Bird; For You, O Democracy; Vigil Strange I Kept on the Field One Night; Long, Too Long America; Over the Carriage Rose a Prophetic Voice; O Star of France; to a Follie European Revolutionary; Europe; France; A Broadway Pageant; Years of the Modern; I Was Looking a Long While; Passage to India; By Blue Ontario's Shore; So Long; and Song of the Open Road.

It seems fitting that Victor should release this album since for years Whitman lived only a few blocks from the Victor Talking Machine Company in Camden, N. J. He walked almost daily in the shadow of the Victor plant to the Delaware River ferry for his customary afternoon ride on the apron of the boat.

The poem in the "Leaves of Grass" album were all chosen personally by Mr. Bellamy who has long been an admirer of Whitman. The album also marks Bellamy's first appearance on phonograph records. During his 13 years in Hollywood, he starred in 83 films, including such recent successes as "The Awful Truth," "His Girl Friday," and "Divine Bomber." Prior to his Hollywood career Bellamy was on the Broadway stage and it was his performance in "Roadside" in

1930 which led to his motion picture career.

"Tomorrow the World" marks Bellamy's first appearance on Broadway since 1930. He plans to continue work in the legitimate theatre and to contribute what he can to the furtherment of good literature through dramatic readings.

Let's All Back The Attack

The Signs of a New People's Culture Are Clearly Visible

This cause has had its martyrs. In a cell in Sing Sing Penitentiary tonight sits one of them—Morris U. Schappes—let us not forget that.

But this is the negative aspect. There is a positive aspect as well, and it is the one which I prefer to stress. With Cairo and Tehran behind us, the boundless, dazzling perspectives of a new world are unfolding before our gaze. A world in which man shall build, build for the peace and prosperity of men. And I believe that this means, that this implies, building a new People's Culture such as the world has never seen before.

I believe that the signs of this new culture are already becoming visible; although we may not recognize them at first for what they are. The worker in the defense factory is singing as he works—see the poems of Vincent Ferrini. The soldier is singing in camp and on the battlefield—among them our own Seymour Keisan and Ben-nie Koren, two fine and promising poets from Philadelphia. The NMU seamen are staging a show of paintings done by their members and have produced a first-rate poet in Charles Striber.

Out in Missouri, a farm hand, H. H. Lewis, is writing War-Song Texts which have won the admiration of the critics—we're going to publish some of them soon in the Daily Worker. The radio is molding a new people's art, as in Norman Rosten's Ballad of Bataan—it has succeeded in reviving a form which I had thought dead beyond all resurrection, that of the poetic drama—has infused new life into it.

These, as I say, are but the first faint signs. There are others. In his novel, The Outside Leaf, Ben Field has brought the American farmer—the American Jewish farmer in this instance—into progressive fiction. There is the brilliant new Negro novelist, a novelist of the working class, Carl Ruthven Offord. But I must stop somewhere. —Keep your eyes open; look about you. And the best place to look is in the cultural page of the Daily Worker.

Blue Network Aims Gala President's Birthday Show

Bob Hope, Dinah Shore, Lily Pons, Paul Whiteman and Frank Sinatra are among the list of headliners who will be heard over the Blue Network on Saturday, Jan. 29, from 11:15 P.M. to 12:15 A.M., EWT, in a gala radio salute to the President's birthday. Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, will speak.

Pickups from various sections of the country will feature the special show, presented in behalf of the annual March of Dimes campaign to raise funds for the fight on infantile paralysis.

Paul Whiteman and his orchestra and Lily Pons, will be heard from the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York; the U. S. Marine Band, led by Capt. W. E. Santelmann, from Washington; the Air Force Flying Training Command, conducted by Major Eddie Dummetter, from Santa Ana, Calif.

Major portion of the show will originate from Hollywood, where Bob Hope will be heard as master of ceremonies.

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LOWDOWN

Budge in for Bond Games, in Perfect Shape, Rarin' to Go

NAT LOW

Don Budge looked natty, tanned and trim in his second loonie uniform as he "entertained" the press at the Hotel Madison yesterday afternoon in preparation for Friday evening's wonderful tennis meet to be held in conjunction with the Fourth War Loan Drive.

The greatest tennis player since Big Bill Tilden's unchallenged reign of the middle twenties, red headed Don seemed ready to go out and play a blistering set with anybody in the land despite the fact he hasn't handled a racket since he played some exhibition games out on the west coast last autumn with Pancho Segura and John Kramer.

Don will play a singles match with Kramer Friday and will also team up with Lieut. Don McNeill in a doubles match against Schroeder and Kramer. All these men have been national champs at one time or another.

But glamorous as some of the other boys are, the story is mostly Budge who possesses one of the most terrific rifle shots ever to grace a court.

Don is in the air corps, but not as a flyer. He is stationed at Lubbock Field, Texas and this is his first visit to the Big City in quite a long time.

He thinks he's in good shape though and will give his best Friday. "When I finished my training in Florida I lost 17 pounds and was as skinny as I was ten years ago. . . . But after a few months, I fatened out again and am now at my best playing weight, 175 pounds."

How did he do in those games against Segura and Kramer out on the coast last September?

"Had a tough time but I beat 'em. . . . Segura in three "2" sets (6-2, 6-2, 6-2) and Kramer in 6-1, 6-4. . . . Kramer is a fine player and this kid Segura is coming along. His sole weakness in that two handed style of his is the backhand. It's primarily a defensive stroke and I've always considered a good offense to be the best defense."

Don is happy at being back in New York. "The wife and I are going to eat in the best restaurants, see all the shows, take in a lot of moving pictures and generally pull the town red."

Glamorous Alice Marble, who with Mary Hardwick was also in the room being interviewed, strode out at this moment and said, "Don, drop over today and have a coke. I know you don't drink but a coke's down your alley."

Budge, who's strongest drink is a double chocolate malted "and even that's too much now with my midriff the way it is," laughed and agreed to come up.

Besides the singles and doubles matches there will be at least five other top-notch games at the 7th Regiment Armory Friday night. Admission is by bond only and can you think of a more pleasant way of buying a bond. . . . Get your tickets early, for they are going fast.

A Stinkweed to Phil Gordon
We've got the best "finger men" in the world on the Daily sports page. No sooner is the ink on the paper dry after we've plugged a team or an athlete, that said team or athlete promptly gets his face kicked in.

Our Phil Gordon fell all over himself yesterday in praise of the Rangers' 5-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs Saturday night and exactly five hours after his words of wisdom were coming out of his typewriter, the Detroit Red Wings were plastering the worst defeat in big league hockey history upon our boys.

In the first period the Wings tallied only twice. They started to warm up in the next heat and rapped in five more goals for a total of seven and then really went to town with EIGHT goals in the final period for the simply amazing score of 15-0.

Every man on the team got at least one point but defenseman Cully Simon—and, of course, goalie Gus Dion.

Coming on the heels of two consecutive wins this turnaround by the Bluebirds is simply incredible but not impossible to understand. In many ways this game is similar to the 73-0 shellacking the Chi Bears hung on the Washington Redskins for the foot football championship in 1940.

After a team gets a certain distance behind they abandon all defensive tactics and go out for a score with a "what's-the-difference-what-the-score-we-lose-by" attitude.

The Rangers did precisely this Sunday night. In the second period, with the score 6-0, they started five man attacks down the ice and, as was to be expected, were caught red handed enabling the Wings to break three-on-nothing with goalie Ken McAuley all alone to take the drubbing.

McAuley's task that night can better be understood when you read that he made 43 saves in all—which means that a total of 53 shots were rifled at him during the evening's "play."

The most fantastic part of this game was Sid Howe's feat of pulling the "hat trick" (three goals) in the last period. . . . Syd, incidentally, also got two assists during the game for a total of five points.

Well, that's the way it is. . . . Come home boys, all's forgiven.

Dribbles and Rebounds:

B'klyn 'Bond Stars' Lose Rothenberg and Bytzura

The Brooklyn all-star court team which plays the New York all-stars tomorrow night in the War Bond games, lost two players yesterday and gained two.

Big Irv Rothenberg and Mike Bytzura of LIU will miss the game, but for different reasons. Rothenberg is home ill with a serious attack of kidney trouble and Bytzura is at home in Pittsburgh where he has a date with Uncle Sam and the United States Army.

But to replace them Jo Lancho, who is coaching the Brooklyn squad, has added Wade Druym of St. John's and Bill Raphael of Pratt Institute, both highly touted boys.

Rothenberg's illness boosts St. John's Ivor Sumner into the starting line-up at center, and this may be an asset instead of a handicap. . . . Sumner has come along well in recent games and his play in the bucket has reaped profits.

Tickets for the game are still to be had, and can be purchased at the 40th St. entrance in Madison Square Garden between noon and 7 P.M. today and tomorrow.

At the Armory tomorrow, tickets will likewise be on sale for latecomers. . . . Ned Irish, Garden prexy, announced yesterday at the Baseball Writers' Luncheon at Shor's that 2,000 seats already have been "sold," representing a sum of \$375,000 in bonds. . . .

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Coming Events Cast Their Shadow...



The Blow for Rome

OUR generals and soldiers have done the bold and spectacular thing in Italy. It is hard to say who is more surprised: the Nazis fighting a deliberate, delaying action in the south, or our own public which has been led to believe that the Italian campaign would have to be a slow, slogging affair.

It is still too early to make any military judgment on the operations in progress. That our people are wishing our soldiers the easiest and speediest victory goes without saying. But knowing what we do about the cruel, ruthless enemy heavy counter-attacks are only to be expected.

We don't know whether such an operation could have been attempted earlier. But certainly the fact that it is now carried out with such astonishing initial success, is proof that the initiative in Italy has been ours for many months.

But to win Rome quickly, with a minimum of destruction to its historic treasures, also depends on the Romans themselves. And it depends on whether our political and military leadership appreciates what the people of Rome are ready to do. In Naples, it will be recalled, the population rose up in arms in a most heroic battle five days before our armies arrived. They helped to liberate themselves and wrote a new chapter in their own path toward a new Italy. Reports say that the people of Rome are preparing to do the same. The radio, "Milano Libertad," has called them to arms. This is the moment, says the radio of the northern Committee of National Liberation, for which all true Italians have been waiting.

The time is over-ripe, therefore, for the same bold and spectacular development on the political plane that has been shown on the beaches below Rome. It is up to the Allied Military Government to redeem its own sad record in Italy by a striking political reply to "Milano Libertad." Some months ago, Marshal Badoglio promised to resign when the city of Rome was liberated and thus leave the way clear for a genuine democratic government in line with the Moscow conference decisions. But why wait until Rome is won, when a people's government organized now would be of the greatest help in winning the city quickly?

Such a political move would be the best of "military expediency." The country expects at least the same daring and imagination with respect to mobilizing the Italians for their own liberation, as has been shown in planning last Saturday's landing.

The Fourth Term

THE Democratic National Committee in asking President Roosevelt "to continue as our great world humanitarian leader" expresses the sentiment of the overwhelming majority of the American people. By this action, the Democratic Party officially makes its own demand for a fourth term which has arisen from the lower Democratic organizations and from labor and the people.

The action of the National Committee was unanimous. With the exception of the outright defeatists of the type of Wheeler and Reynolds, no bolt from Democratic ranks is to be expected. The threat of a defeatist-inspired split, which led to rumors some months ago of a Southern secession, has been dissipated. Opposing elements, such as that previously led by Farley, as well as some recalcitrant machine politicians, have

apparently seen fit to come along with the enthusiastic support for Roosevelt.

The Democratic resolution also reveals full recognition of the fact that unity around Roosevelt cannot be divorced from unity for his program and his policies. One can reasonably and correctly take exception to the slur in the resolution against the advocates of the second front and Coalition warfare, which can also be interpreted as a partisan dig at Wilkie. But the thing that stands out is the full endorsement of Roosevelt's war policies, which have found their most complete expression in the Tehran Pact. Roosevelt's stand is the Democratic program.

Naturally, the Republicans have unkind words for the whole development. The New York Herald Tribune yesterday swallowed its chagrin at Democratic unity and tried to pass it off as the "withering away" of the party in power. And the Tribune begged its readers rather lamely to discover "health and vigor" in the Republican Party—whose National Committee is quite firmly in the hands of the Hoovers, Spanglers and Vandenberg.

Roosevelt is a national asset and not a partisan possession. And he cannot be expected to run unless the whole democratic camp assures him of such broad support that his victory is certain. A number of labor conferences held under the auspices of the CIO Political Action Committee, as well as many AFL local organizations have started the ball rolling for a popular conscription of Roosevelt as our continuing President for the next term. The people want Tehran for America and for the world—and that means they want Roosevelt.

Rallying CIO for '44

THE New York City Victory Conference for 1944 Sunday, with over 2,000 shop stewards attending, sets a precedent for the way labor will have to go about the task of mobilizing forces this year. The bulk of the men and women there came from the shops, many from war plants. They are the live wires who make the decisions live for the half million members.

The purpose of the conference was to clear the decks, to rally for the program outlined at Tehran, to give the men and women on assembly lines a clear perspective of the post-war future labor wants.

In line with this program, the resolutions adopted expressed full support for the President's message to Congress. On the national service act proposal, the conference declared emphatically that an anti-labor measure such as the Austin-Wadsworth Bill did not answer the President's request, did not contain the necessary safeguards and would not receive labor's support.

Coincidentally with the meeting of the Democratic Party's national committee at Washington which voted to ask the President to run for a fourth term, the conference here gave the expression of the workers of the shops. The CIO launched its drive to roll up support for the President, and to unite ALP forces for his reelection.

The conference voted full backing to President Philip Murray's leadership in the fight for wage adjustment, recognizing that economic stabilization is of paramount importance to assure the production and smooth operation that is today so urgent.

The conference was an important step towards uniting the New York CIO behind the Tehran decisions. Such mobilizations ought to take place in every community.

THEY'RE SAYING IN WASHINGTON

AFL Tories on Spot

By Adam Lapin

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THE World Labor Congress which will be held next June in London will be literally the most important international gathering since Tehran. New light is cast on the character of this meeting by the letter of invitation sent by the British Trade Union Congress to CIO President Murray and AFL President Green which was quoted at length in the Daily Worker yesterday.

Point one on the tentative agenda which has been submitted by the British Trade Union Congress to participating organizations is the role which world labor can play in helping the war effort until victory is won.

The other points deal with labor's place at the peace table, the post-war reconstruction of the labor movements in occupied and devastated countries and labor's general outlook on post-war problems.

Labor will get an opportunity at the London Congress to make a real contribution toward carrying forward the decisions of Tehran. And labor will have perhaps its biggest chance since the start of the war to make its rightful place in shaping world developments now and in the years to come.

IT IS from this kind of a meeting that the die-hards on the AFL executive council have chosen to absent themselves. They would make the AFL the only important labor organization in any part of the anti-axis world which will not be represented in London.

The British unions have invited the leaders of the International Federation of Trade Unions and all IFTU affiliates to attend. Many IFTU leaders have been bitterly anti-Soviet, and the AFL supported them in the past in barring membership to the unions of the U.S.S.R. But there is now every indication that the IFTU will be represented at London.

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The AFL Old Guard is thus isolating itself even from its erstwhile colleagues in the IFTU. Matthew Well, that peerless leader of the Photo Engravers Union who looks like a faded nineteenth century print with his wing collar and his flowing hair, cannot hope to injure the World Labor Congress. It is already too strong and too representative. He can only injure the members of the AFL by denying them a chance to make major decisions on the war and the post-war world.

DIFFERENCES of ideology and principle can hardly be advanced by the Woll clique in trying to justify their position. Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the British Trade Union Congress and hardly a flaming radical in his own right, has gone out of his way to explain this to the Old Guard dunderheads.

Citrine's letter of invitation to AFL President William Green emphasized that ideological differences will play no role at the London meeting, that they must be laid aside in the interest of world labor unity.

Nor can the dignitaries on the AFL council maintain that they had no opportunity to play a full part in shaping the discussions of the London Congress. Citrine specifically asked the AFL and all participating groups to make their own suggestions for the agenda of the meeting which will last for at least a week and will give ample time for full discussion.

CIO President Philip Murray has already informed Citrine that he will avail himself of this opportunity and make detailed proposals. So has Vincent Lombardo Toledano, head of the CTAL which represents more than 4,000,000 Latin American workers. Toledano has written Citrine that all CTAL affiliates will be represented in London, and has also asked that the labor movement of Puerto Rico be invited.

EVEN the State Department has belatedly recognized that labor may have some concern with foreign policy. And there has at last been created a Division of Labor Relations which is supposed to deal among other things with "the interest of labor in the United States in matters of broad international policy."

The AFL leadership has been notoriously backward in taking any stand on foreign policy. It has not criticized the State Department when it amply deserved to be criticized. But the AFL hierarchy has now begun to develop a position on foreign policy—a position more reactionary than that of even the striped-pants diplomats in the State Department.

I hold no brief for Adolph Berle. But at least he has learned the virtue of silence since Tehran. He has dropped his old-time practice of calling in correspondents to give them the latest anti-Soviet standers.

But AFL publicity man Philip Pearl has rushed into print to demand that this government intervene on the side of the Polish government-in-exile against the Soviet Union. Pearl also expressed the hope that plans to curb aggressors will "take into account actions by government, even those now allied with us in the war." It looks as if he is yearning for a new line-up against the Soviet Union. He has several columns of this sort. So I take it that he hasn't been slapped down and isn't speaking only for himself.

It is much more than mere participation in a conference that is involved in the stand of the AFL Old Guard. There is the question of whether the AFL membership, 6,000,000 strong, will be kept out of the main stream of world events. There is also the real question of whether the AFL leadership is moving towards a position hostile to the foreign policy of our government as expressed at Tehran.

Letters From Our Readers

Scottsboro!

New York City.

I want to thank the Daily Worker for its wonderful birthday gift to me on Jan. 6 last week. I had a triple celebration that day—when I heard that two more of the Scottsboro boys had been set free.

I hope that before my next birthday we can all celebrate the release of the two remaining boys. It always seems good to a war-worker to see democracy developing at home while fascism is being defeated abroad. ANN CHESTER.

Indifference of Press

Meriden, Conn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

One thing that strikes me is the indifference shown by so many commercial newspapers to what is happening to America in the post war world. Apparently they want a rightist reaction, to which C. E. Wilson, President Roosevelt and Earl Browder have referred. That is the only sane explanation that can be made to their handling of the announcement by the Communist Party of its possible change to an association.

The Meriden Record of this city

was one of these papers. It had an editorial on Jan. 15 which was false, of course, in its title which read: "Reds Decide to Go Out of Business." But the paper took such a stupid and airy view of the post-war world and the danger of collapse and reaction as to make one wonder whether it cares about America. Perhaps you will answer some of these papers. Success in your battle against all reactionaries!

(Ed. note—It seems you have answered your own paper pretty well yourself. There shall be other answers given in the pages of the Daily Worker.)

An Interview with Rep. Baldwin On the Fight to Rescue Jews

By Abraham Chapman

The organizers of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe are doing everything in their power to utilize the Baldwin-Rogers resolution, calling upon the President to set up a special commission for the rescue of Jews, as a pawn in their dangerous and irresponsible maneuvers against the Roosevelt administration, the United Nations and the Jewish unity movement.

In the Morning Freiheit and the Daily Worker I have pointed out that many patriotic Americans sponsored the Emergency Committee out of a sincere desire to promote action to rescue all Jews who can be rescued from the horrible clutches of the Nazi murderers.

The organizers of the Emergency Committee, however, are a group of irresponsible emigrants representing the terroristic Irgun organization in Palestine—an organization which has been repudiated by the majority of the Jews in Palestine. These organizers include Hoover, Hearst and Spangler to be the honorary chairman of the committee.

Congressman Joseph Clark Baldwin, one of the two Representatives who introduced the bill sponsored by the Emergency Committee, is a Wilkie Republican, who was elected to Congress with ALP support. Baldwin has supported the Roosevelt foreign policy. As I watched the desperate attempt of the organizers of the Emergency Committee to utilize the hearings on the Baldwin resolution for an all-out offensive against the Roosevelt administration and the United Nations, and to promote internecine war in the Jewish community I decided to interview Congressman Baldwin and get his views on the entire question.

Congressman Baldwin stated his views on the question of rescuing Jews frankly and forthrightly. He said that he introduced the Baldwin resolution as a temporary measure

to help rescue Jews. He did not believe that this was the total answer to the question. When I called his attention to the Barbour resolution—calling for the admission into the United States of all victims of Axis racial and religious persecution he expressed his wholehearted support and approval of the resolution. The organizers of the Emergency Committee have not expressed their support of the Barbour resolution—even though it has been endorsed by both the Democratic and Republican National Clubs.

IDENTIFIED WITH GROUP Since Congressman Baldwin's name is attached to the bill sponsored by the Emergency Committee he has been identified with the committee in the eyes of many. I called the attention of Congressman Baldwin to the notorious full-page ad written by Ben Hecht, which was inserted in the New York Times and other newspapers. The Ben Hecht ad contained a vicious tirade against the Moscow conference because the Roosevelt-Stalin-Churchill statement against Nazi atrocities did not mention the Jews by name.

Without a moment's hesitation Congressman Baldwin declared that he was in wholehearted accord with the decisions of the Moscow conference and that he did NOT agree with the Ben Hecht ad. He said further that he was not a member of the Emergency Committee to Save the Jewish People of Europe and did not have anything to do with its program and policies.

Congressman Baldwin pointed out further that he, as a Republican, introduced the bill simultaneously with Congressman Rogers, a Democrat, because he didn't want the question of rescuing Jews to become a bone of political contention.

In the hands of the organizers of the Emergency Committee, I must point out, this resolution has become a political football. There is no doubt that Congressman Baldwin's motives in introducing the bill will be appreciated. But this resolution, divorced from the winning of the war and the winning of the peace in accordance with the Tehran conference decisions, cannot rescue Jews. And the organizers of the Emergency Committee insist on divorcing the rescue of Jews from the winning of the war.

Congressman Baldwin, however, has not confined his concern for the rescue of Jews to this resolution alone. In this sense, he does not repeat the mistake of the organizers of the Emergency Committee. And even though Congressman Baldwin declared that he had little faith in the efficacy of legislation in curbing anti-Semitism, he likewise pointed out, without any questioning on my part, that he would vote for the Lynch bill, which calls for the barring of anti-Semitic and other racist matter from the U.S. mails. Significantly, the organizers of the Emergency Committee have not voiced their support of any legislation against anti-Semitism and are not participating in the fight against anti-Semitism in the U.S.A.

FIGHTS ANTI-SEMITISM All in all the interview with Congressman Baldwin proved that he supports the legislation against anti-Semitism which is so imperative today, and Congressman Baldwin dissociated himself from the attacks against the Moscow conference in which the organizers of the Emergency Committee have specialized.

It is to be hoped that Congressman Baldwin will support the rescue program of the American Jewish Conference and will reveal his support of the Tehran decisions in his further actions. Congressman Baldwin's statement will help dispel the cloud of confusion which the organizers of the Emergency Committee have kicked up.

BETWEEN the LINES

Items for the File

By JOSEPH STAROBIN

Here's a belated Christmas story from Holland, the land of the stout-hearted Dutch. And it will warm the heart of Paul Robeson in particular. The traditional Dutch Christmas is celebrated on Dec. 26th. In one of the kindergartens of that unconquered country, the children took the occasion to sing English songs and listen to Negro spirituals, recorded by Paul Robeson. Whereast the Nazi Elite Guard Journal, *Sturm*, waxed very indignant and in a 2,000-word article denounced the fact that "the hearts of the Netherlands masses are with Britain and the United States." The story is told in this last fortnight's *Netherlands News*. Can you see those kids in a little Dutch village, listening to Paul's great voice from across the ocean?

Credit the New Republic two weeks back for a little item that sums up British anger with Herbert Morrison. He was the Labor Minister who had the gall to release the fascist Sir Oswald Mosley. Here was a typical exchange at a British mass-meeting where Morrison tried to defend himself:

Morrison: I have a hunch that history will be on my side—

Heckler: Sir Oswald Mosley will.

Morrison: Though perhaps I won't live long enough to see it.

Heckler: You won't.

Morrison: I see you want me to die, too. I'm still alive.

Heckler: Worse luck.

Morrison: I never saw such an unfriendly fellow. I bet he starts his letters "Dear comrade" and ends "yours fraternally."

Heckler: Like yours to Mosley.

Someone sent me a curious speech by John Spargo, for years one of the bitterest foes of the Soviet Union, and one of the Social-Democratic New Leader's supporters. An older generation will remember Spargo very well, a Socialist who turned into a rock-ribbed Republican. Addressing an audience at Bennington, Vermont, last May 31st, Spargo wholeheartedly supports the Soviet Union's position on its western borders. He even supports the USSR vis a vis Finland. And likewise asserts that there is no reason why we should question the good faith of the abolition of the Comintern. He concludes by saying that "we can rely upon Russia not only to continue to be a brave and loyal ally to the end of the war, but a helpful and friendly neighbor in the post-war world." I can't explain all this about Spargo. But I offer it to the New Leader as an example of one of their worthies who seems to have changed his line.

In the same direction, a reader calls my attention to the United States Army's latest guide for information officers and orientation course leaders. There was a story on it a week ago Saturday. The Army advises its people that "though we do not agree with their (that is, the Soviets) political ideas, (and they do not believe in ours) we believe utterly in the defense of the principle for which they are fighting," the right to determine how they shall be governed without external interference. Discussing the early policies of the USSR in this war, the Army says: "The ultimate military consequences are the best evidence of whether the USSR's 1939 attack on Finland and subsequent overrunning of the Baltic provinces were banded aggressions, motivated by greed for territory, or were done to strengthen the USSR's western frontiers against attack by Germany." Without attempting any moral judgments on the matter, says the Army, "it is enough to state the military fact that had the USSR not acted so, the Allied cause would be weaker today."

Another reader calls my attention to the murder of Dr. Victor Basch, an 81-year-old French patriot somewhere in France. To thousands of Americans who were in France during the 30's or connected with the fight against fascism in Europe, Dr. Basch will be recalled as one of France's great democrats, a leader of the League for the Rights of Man, co-worker of Romain Rolland and Dr. Paul Langevin.

Discussing problems of the Moslem peoples in North Africa, a cable to the Times for Jan. 21 says: "The Communists are trying to bring about Arab and Jewish harmony with only minor success. Wealthier elements on both sides hinder such trends."

5 Years Ago Today In the Daily Worker

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NEW YORK—Joseph Curran, president of the National Maritime Union, CIO, yesterday paid tribute to the union crew aboard the oil tanker *Esso Baytown*, who at the risk of their own lives effected one of the most daring rescues in recent maritime history when they saved the lives of the survivors of the Cavalier disaster. "The crew of the *Esso Baytown*," Curran said, "has written a record to which the entire American people can point with pride."

Curran, himself an able-bodied seaman for many years, pointed out that the rescue of the Cavalier passengers and crew on the high seas was only one of six such heroic feats accomplished by National Maritime Union crews in recent months.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y.—The most powerful magnet in the world—half the size of a lead pencil eraser and capable of lifting a five-pound flatiron—has been developed in the General Electric research laboratories here.

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